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CHRISTMAS, a Time of Spiritual Uplift

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NOW that Christmas is so close some of us who are getting on in years are remembering other Christmases. It rather sobers me, for one, to realize that my Christmas recollections go back more than half a century—say to Christmas in 1893.

We lived in the country then, and there were nine in our family—father, mother, unmarried aunt and six children. My father was a bank manager on a salary of $6,000 a year, which was considered wealth. We had a horse and a surrey, two cows, chickens and a cook. The cook did all the washing in a day when ladies and little girls reveled in white starched petticoats and embroidered muslin nighties; she did all the cooking and put up 400 jars of fruit every year. Her salary was $22 per month.

Beef was 10c to 15c a pound; best breakfast bacon 10c to 12c a pound; vegetables came for almost nothing—we had a garden; bread was 5 cents a loaf; children's "pebblegoat" shoes cost less than $2 a pair.

We children had plenty of jobs; we had no sense of sitting back and being waited upon; my older brother had full responsibility for the cows, horse and chickens; my sister and I had to dust rooms, and fill 17 kerosene lamps every day, to set and clear the dining table, to sweep porches, to run errands for the grown-ups. When the semi-annual sewing orgy was on, and Miss Wilde came, we had to clear the sewing room every night, a job I think of even now with loathing. Scraps of threads and paper patterns littered the floor.

A Great Time

Christmas was a great time. Preparations had to go on about four fronts. Church was one important item. There must be special music, which meant night rehearsing with all its thrills of walks in the swinging lantern light; there must be special decorations. There was a Sunday school tree for poor children, always a wonderful spiritual uplift for the luckier children who wrapped and distributed the packages.

Then there were presents to make and—more rarely—to buy. There was the tree to find, and fell, and trim. There was the kitchen excitement of seeding raisins and chopping citron, with all the grown-ups buzzing about. And finally, there were family arrivals, cousins, grandma, coming in cold and beaming, and being welcomed by roaring fires and dancing children; dinner all ready, red berries on the table and fragrant wreaths at the windows. And the solemn ceremony of stocking-hanging for the last thing Christmas Eve.

There was no war then, no talk of war. There had been a Civil War not too many years earlier, but as the family had been sharply divided between Boston and Richmond, it was never mentioned. What was going on in the Balkans or Manchuria concerned us not at all. That the machines that men were even then inventing would one day grow into such hideous power that whole cities would fall in ashes beneath them; that war would reach out across the wide oceans and engulf us, never occurred for one instant to the ladies who sat rocking before the great wood fire. Telephones were now new and considered a marvelous invention. No automobiles, radio, movies as yet. No wireless, no planes. Without all these the world was a safer-feeling place, whatever great good they may bring to mankind in the wiser years to come.

Empty Chair This Year

There will be no Christmas like that old Christmas this year; not anywhere in the whole world. Not anywhere—father, mother, children, kinsfolk sitting down together to turkey and oyster soup and mince pie. There is an empty chair this year beside mother, and Aunt Emily is very quiet in her new black. The smallest baby gets his rattle and his new blankets, but he doesn't get a kiss from his daddy. Daddy has been a prisoner of war for long and weary months.

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Everyone is resolutely cheerful, but the old gaiety is laid aside for awhile. The women's voices aren't murmuring about sage in the dressing or the ridiculous cost of doll buggies. No, this year it's "Still missing, grandma. But Jim was a wonderful swimmer and football player, and we hope—" "They heard last week; he may get leave in February." "They got the Christmas boxes off way back in October, but of course we don't know that they got there." "He's a lieutenant now, Uncle George—in Italy, we think." And so on and on until the roll call of every beloved name—and the Johnson boy, and the Smith boy, and Mary Jones' husband, and Helen's father, is complete.

Oh, I hope the boys know it, know how our hearts are with them, how we pray for them and think of them and thank them, on all the battle fronts! In the long dull days of marking time in our camps, in the dreadful lonely white Aleutians, on the blazing, roaring red lines of war, their mothers and wives and sisters are with them, every hour of the day.

Spirit of Day Must Not Suffer

And at home we must do what we can to keep Christmas still Christmas. If the turkey has turned into a lamb stew or a fish chowder; if the ice cream is only a rather weak frozen custard; if the presents are only what was left after the boys' boxes were shipped away, the spirit of Christmas need not suffer. There may still be wreaths in the windows and candlelight on the tree; the children may still arrange their tableaus and charades; the cousins and aunts may still come trooping in out of the cold to the welcoming fire. And if we older folk spend a little more time in the churches, repeating the Lord's Prayer, the old law, begging God to bring men back to a sense of it, to a respect for it, that will not spoil Christmas, either.

"I hoped you were in church, praying for me at that exact moment, Mother," wrote a boy from Rome last July. "I thought of you all, Ellen and the kids and Dad and Betsey, and where you might be. I placed them all at home—well, say getting ready for Sunday supper on the porch. But I placed you in church, thinking of me and praying for me. Somebody must be, for I seem to lead a charmed life. Don't stop."

That was well said: "Don't stop." If we're to have the right world afterward we must hold tight to the old peaceful, happy ways this Christmas. We must put our heart into making the family feel happy and confident. We must think of the words we sing in the Christmas hymns: "For in that darkness shineth an everlasting light; the hopes and fears of all the years are met in Thee tonight."

REJOICE ALWAYS

We need not hesitate over happiness this year. For a child was born in Bethlehem at a time when Herod was a king and hatred and death were abroad in the world, even as they are today. The babe of a manger, the boy of the temple, grew up to teach good will and love as a saving way of life for all mankind. He who said "Rejoice always" said it confidently to men and women who lived with unhappiness and strife, among wars and rumors of wars. We can say the same words confidently now. It is surely not too much to believe that the children of this Christmas time will grow up to know a world where all nations can truly rejoice and where, as a living heritage from those who are dying today for their fellows, good will and peace will be found which a child of Judea once taught the children of men.

Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which, being interpreted, is, God with us. Matt. 1:23.

A STAR that GLEAMS

By WALTER RUSSELL BOWIE
(Condensed from New York Times Magazine)

CHRISTMAS, and a world in confusion: those two realities do not seem to fit together. "Peace on earth, good-will toward men" is the thought that instinctively we associate with Christmas; but now there is no peace upon the earth, and in many places good-will is eclipsed in bitterness and hate. Festivity seems unnatural in a year like this. We may approach it awkwardly, with our hearts not in it. There are too many grim tasks ahead, and we remember too many boys who kept last Christmas at home, or near it, and who this year are in the snows of Germany or in the rank jungles of the South Pacific, or in the rain and mud of Italy.

Nevertheless, the thought of Christmas and the mood of Christmas do belong to this year, as to every year. Indeed, they belong to it more because they are needed more. It was exactly 100 years ago that Charles Dickens wrote "A Christmas Carol," that bright and glowing fantasy which it is safe to say will be read and rejoiced in long after another hundred years have come and gone.

It is true there was no great war to shadow Dickens' world in the year when he wrote it, but that world of his was very dark in other ways. His England was blighted with the worst cruelties of the new industrial age, its skies blackened with unaccustomed smoke, its children exploited the slums of its cities filled with huddled human misery.

Out of a Dingy Cloud

But out of this dingy cloud emerge the figures of Dickens' immortal story, with their invincible chorus of "Merry Christmas" and with the final words of Tiny Tim, "God bless us every one!"

What sort of bright message then does Christmas have for us in the winter weather of this year of war?

First, there is the remembrance that it is not the seeming big things but the little intimate things that matter most. The story of Christmas centers in a family—the Holy Family of Joseph and Mary and the little Child who was born in Bethlehem. But every family has in it something that can make it holy, something—that is to say—which lifts people up and makes them better than they would have been alone.

Let us, therefore, turn back and consider that contrast out of which the whole commemoration of Christmas grew. The civilization which the first century knew was in many respects hard and cruel. To great populations their lot must have seemed as bitter as the lot of those nations in Europe that are bowed beneath the Nazi yoke. Rome had subjugated the whole of the western world, and the figure of Messala in "Ben Hur" is perhaps not overdrawn as a representative of the arrogance of Roman mastery.

Caesar Augustus

Over the Roman Empire Caesar Augustus ruled, the nephew of Julius Caesar, who had destroyed the power of Brutus and Cassius and later of Marc Antony, and had centered supreme authority in himself. According to the Gospel of St. Luke, in which the story of Christmas first was written, "there went out a decree from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be taxed"; and it was in obedience to the edict of the Roman ruler that Joseph and Mary had to go up to Bethlehem for the tax enrollment and that so in Bethlehem occurred the birth of Jesus on what is now called Christmas Day.

To the vast majority of men then living those facts seemed incomparably more important than the other. The important fact was the taxing that the Emperor ordered: the fact that a child was born was negligible. Everybody was concerned about the taxing; everybody obeyed it, because all had to. But what difference did it make to anybody, except to his own parents, that one more child happened to come into existence in this Palestine which was only one of the less significant provinces over which Rome ruled? Apparently no difference at all.

Eclipsed by a Child

That is the way in which men always are inclined to reckon. The actions of governments, the practical matters of taxes and tariffs, the big decisions by the seemingly big people—these are the things that are supposed to be of overwhelming consequence. The new impulse that may be stirring in some soul that the world has not yet heard of is unnoticed. Who in the first century would have admitted that anybody in his senses could suggest that Caesar Augustus would be eclipsed in history by a child born of one of his subject peoples?

But as a matter of fact, that reversal has long since taken place. Nobody cares much today about Augustus. His name stirs interest in the mind of a student of history; but it stirs no emotion in any man's heart. So far as anything we live for or live by is concerned, nobody would feel any distress if the name of Augustus should suddenly vanish from the records of the earth, but millions of people, including multitudes who are not Christians, know that something infinitely enriching would be lost if we should ever lose the influence of Him whose birthday has become our Christmas.

So Christmas centers around a great event. It has to do with the coming of a Child; and ever since the Child of Bethlehem was born there has been a more sensitive reverence for life's new beginnings. In the Christmas story a star stands over Bethlehem, shining with a light that never wholly was on land or sea. To many a father and mother their own child has seemed to reflect some of this same light.

And now once more we stand at a decisive moment. In these recent days there have been meetings of statesmen, proclamations of purpose, plans for constructive action, including peace plans, which gleam like a star in a shadowed sky. But that star, if it is to be really the signal of a larger hope, must be seen and followed by the younger generation coming on.

So it might result that not for a few people and not for a few nations only but for all mankind, the words with which Dickens concluded the "Christmas Carol" would come true: "God bless us, everyone!"

Hollywood's Yuletide Will Be Quiet

By HAROLD HEFFERNAN
(Motion Picture Editor, The Detroit News)

AS IN all other parts of the civilized world, the simple, time-honored greeting, "Merry Christmas," will be exchanged throughout movieland, but Hollywood's fourth wartime Yule observation will be even more quiet and reverent than ever before.

This year many movie workers who had sons, brothers and husbands at home last Christmas will be touched by loneliness, thereby turning sobering thoughts toward their men in the service. In 1943 Hollywood was practically squeezed dry of its available males.

BETTE DAVIS
She will head the Hollywood Canteen for service men.

It became apparent in an early checkup that many of big name personalities haven't yet completed plans for the holiday. One thing, however, is certain: It will be very much of a stay-at-home Christmas. Only in a few isolated cases have stars dared the transportation tangle by embarking on cross-continental trips.

Hollywood Canteen to Be Merry

While Christmas, 1944, will be extremely quiet for most residents, there is one spot in town where it will be plenty noisy. All the stops will be pulled out at the famous Hollywood Canteen, where some 100 stars and featured players will join for a couple of hours or so to entertain service men.

Bette Davis, who heads the canteen and has been the moving spirit in the organization since its birth 30 months ago, says the gaiety and cheer at that spot Christmas Day will top that of 1942, when Eddie Cantor played Santa Claus and distributed more than $5,000 worth of gifts to visiting members of the Army, Navy and Marine Corps. Cantor, it is hoped, will repeat his feat.

The Hollywood Victory Committee reported that in 1943 some 90 stars and well-known actors agreed to forfeit their holiday at home to participate in a Christmas Caravan, which carried good cheer to Army and Navy hospitals throughout the United States.

Greeting Cards

Incidentally, if you get a greeting card from a star this year you can consider yourself lucky. Even before the war, Hollywood was cutting down on its policy of sending out elaborate and costly cards—dropping from an average price of 35 cents to 10 cents.

After Pearl Harbor, practically the entire colony subscribed itself to the moderately priced, simple little greetings printed in job lots by the Motion Picture Relief Fund. Last year this worthy organization, which silently cares for indigent old-timers of the movie industry, realized $6,000 from the sale of Christams cards. This year it has gone out of the card business because of the paper shortage. With greeting telegrams long since banned, plenty of stars will use the telephone to call up their friends.

Seems like a century ago that the late Tom Mix startled the town, and all his acquaintances, by sending out 5,000 greeting cards, two feet long, in five colors and costing $2.90 each. But it was only 15 years back, when Tom and Tony were riding the high range of fame and fortune.

No Gaudy Decorations On the Lanscape

Likewise, it seems ages back that Beverly Hills and Bel Air residents were waging their annual Yuletide battle of outside Christmas decorations. Fancy homes and vast front yards of the stars were aglow with fantastic Santa Clauses, reindeer, artificial snow and other decorations two weeks before the big day.

At night, Beverly Hills thoroughfares were thronged with sightseers, on foot and in automobile, gawking at the illuminated ornaments. And each year a committee of city fathers, sitting in solemn session, awarded prizes to property owners putting forth the most amazing display. While the dimout has been lifted, there'll be no such gaudy shows in the Hollywood area this Christmas.

Even the traditional symbol of the Holy Day—the Christmas tree—will be absent from many a living room. Transportation difficulties have reduced the allotment to a comparatively few limbs of the scrawny cedar variety. And these have been marked up with prohibitive price tags. The $5 tree of last year is now $15, so many an actor has decided to decorate the mantel and buy a War Bond instead.

But the true spirit of Christmas—all that it stands for—will not be absent in Hollywood. The little remembrances, the good will, the kindly greetings will be just as cordial and sincere as ever.

With 11,800,000 men in the armed forces, the Selective Service Administration reports inductions now averaging 70,000 a month and discharges about 35,000 a month.

CURRENT COMMENT

By A STAFF EDITOR

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Faith

ON weekdays through the year the door of many a city church stands open, and on those days—notably now, as Christmas nears—people come in from the noisy street, the busy avenue, to sit a while in meditation, to kneel a moment in prayer.

Burdened, anxious, saddened, devout, they are a cloud of witnesses, silently testifying: "Though all be ill with the world, God is in His Heaven: In Him is our trust." The shocks and strains and changes of a troubled time cannot shake that faith.

What is faith? It is that by which the just have lived; that which made the leper whole; that which makes any care or sorrow possible to bear. It is the light by which men may walk when the way is too dark for sight. It is the mind at its bravest. It is the chain that binds us to the Infinite, lifting us above fear. It is a bridge across the gulf of death.

Faith differs among men. One man's conception of God may scarcely resemble another's. But who would quarrel over that, so long as the faith of both means that goodness is the eternal law of God's universe and will forever overcome evil? And with such faith shining on life comes faith in our fellow-men and ourselves.

There must surely be a blessing for those who have faith. Look for its sign in the clear eyes and the calm faces of people as they come out from the sanctuary into the throbbing world again, strengthened for whatever responsibilities, whatever trials may await them.

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War and Migration Take 4,748,000 From Farms

The nation's farm population decreased 4,748,000 in the last four years, the Department of Agriculture reported.

Last January 25,521,000 persons were living on farms, against 30,269,000 in corresponding month of 1940, according to the Federal estimate.

Half of the decrease occurred in 1942, according to the Bureau of Agricultural Economics, when migration to war industries and the armed forces was heaviest.

A breakdown showed these changes in the last four years.

A net loss of 1,650,000 to the armed forces; a net loss of 4,660,000 persons of both sexes in all ages who either moved away from farms or who now are living on places no longer regarded as farms, and a net gain of 1,652,000 through the excess of births over deaths.

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Will Ever Exist

Christmas holidays always will be holidays whether or not there is a war. For the spirit of Christmas will ever exist in a country such as ours where ideals are based on the tenets of fair play. Tinseled trees, gay gifts, wrappings, holly and mistletoe and candles flickering in windows are outward manifestations of Yuletide, and these traditions will be carried out even with an empty chair at the dinner table. These are the very things for which our boys are fighting, and these are the things they would have us do while they are gone. And because we do them, our morale rises despite sadness, uncertainties and reminiscences of other happier years. The very fact that the season has arrived and the effort is made, brings charity, hope, love, faith, and even gaiety into our lives. So it should be a happy Christmas for all who make it so.

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Largest and Most Powerful Fleet

Dramatic naval developments in the Pacific, culminating with the crushing defeat of the Japanese fleet in the battle of the Philippines, has brought the focus of war to bear on American sea power.

The curtain of censorship has been lifted sufficiently, in celebration of this the largest and most powerful force of historic victory, to give us a glimpse of fighting ships ever to sail the Seven Seas. That it is such is no longer unknown to the enemy. He has felt its sting and has fled, bleeding and mortally hurt, to the temporary security of his home waters.

The growth of the United States Navy is one of the awe-inspiring stories of the Second World War. From 369 in 1940 the number of U. S. combat craft has been increased to more than 1,500, despite the loss of approximately 170 vessels.

Of the 26 battleships, 16 are reported by the Navy to be operating in the present area of Pacific hostilities.

Included in the battle line are at least three super-dreadnoughts—the Iowa, Missouri and Wisconsin. These are 45,000-ton giants each carrying nine 16-inch guns that can blast a target nearly 19 miles away over the horizon.

Even more impressive is the growth of the Navy in the category of aircraft carriers. There are perhaps 100 of these of all types.

In addition the Navy has in commission and fit for action approximately 75 cruisers, heavy and light; 345 destroyers, and more than 200 submarines. Behind this mighty fleet of fighting ships is a supporting armada of more than 50,000 vessels, including landing craft.

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Mints Set Record Output for Coin

Production of coins in the Denver, San Fransico and Philadephia mints has reached a new all-time high this year, with 3,000,000,000 made during the last year. This tops previously yearly records by 1,000,000,000 coins.

"Cartwheels"—silver dollars—are also enjoying a production boom this year. By June 30 at least 3,000,000 of them had been made at the Denver mint in one year. Nickels and dimes are not being ignored in this new coin boom, and a considerable part of the monthly production at all mints is devoted to the nickel and silver coins.

Manufacture of the steel penny, introduced as an emergency measure when copper was scarce at the beginning of the war, seems to be a thing of the past. But with $7,000,000 worth already in circulation, mint officials estimate that Americans will still be handling them in their daily business for many years to come.

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The Aerial Bazooka

The bazooka is probably the strangest instrument of destruction to come out of our armament factories. Looking like a castaway iron pipe, it unleashes gunfire sufficient to destroy a tank or penetrate the thickest wall. At Lowell, Mass., some of the barrels of this amazing weapon are being made of paper plastic.

Offspring of the famous bazooka used by the infantry, they are part of the armament of fighter planes. Paper plastic was chosen because of its light weight. Tests proved the paper barrels to be fire-resistant, successfully withstanding the fiery blast of the missile as it is discharged.

Firing of the flying bazooka is controlled by the pilot in the same manner that he fires his wing machine guns, by pressing a trigger in his control stick. The bazooka—or rocket launchers as they are called officially—are mounted under each wing, three of them in a cluster.

New Sugar Cane By-Product

A by-product of sugar cane which has heretofore been considered practically worthless could form the basis of a thriving new industry in the South, says Dr. E. E. Litkenhous, professor of chemical engineering at Vanderbilt University of Nashville, Tennessee.

The material is bagasse—the pulp residue left when the juices are squeezed out of sugar cane. It now is burned as waste, or used as fuel in sugar mills.

In a report prepared for the War Production Board, the Vanderbilt scientist said bagasse can be manufactured into paper and that production of paper from the material "could be gotten under way within a very short time," helping to solve the current paper shortage.

"It has been estimated that more than two million tons of bagasse pulp could be consumed now in the paper industry for various types of specialty papers and corrugated board, thus freeing a similar quantity of wood pulp for other uses," he reported.

And the by-product has a dozen or more other uses forming the basis for products ranging from shellac to stockings, Dr. Litkenhous declared.

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War Bond Purchases of Servicemen

Servicemen are salting away a lot of their hard-earned money in war bonds.

They're doing it by allotments—having so much deducted from each month's pay—or buying with cash.

The monthly investments now: Soldiers, about 46 million dollars; navy men, about 13 million dollars.

So far the most popular allotment has been $6.25. Taken monthly from a man's pay, in three months full payment of $18.75 has been made for a $25 bond.

Now, there is a new $10 "GI" bond for servicemen, issued August 1. They can buy it for $7.50. It has to be in one payment.

The bond purchases do double duty: They help servicemen save money for after the war; and they help siphon off an overseas serviceman's loose cash.

With less loose cash, servicemen have less chance to bid up prices in freed or occupied territory. This helps prevent inflation there.

Bond purchases are only part of the money coming out of a serviceman's pay. Allotments also are made for dependents at home, for life insurance, and for a special soldiers' deposit fund.

That deposit fund is a saving account in which servicemen put their money either through allotments or by direct cash payments.

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Shell Rationing Shows Need for Paper

The waste paper you are discarding or burning now and after the holidays may be enough to make the casing for that last shell required to bring victory to the Allies.

Shipments of ammunition, food, and supplies of all kinds to the Pacific front also depend on paper. Waste paper is still the most critically needed war material.

Spurred by Undersecretary of War Patterson's warning that artillery ammunition is now being rationed on the western European front, many organizations are increasing their efforts to set a new record in the collection of waste paper.

Boy and Girl Scouts, civic clubs, women's clubs, and others are doing all they can, but a still greater effort is necessary to meet the greater need and eclipse past records. The wholehearted co-operation of every family is urgently needed.

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Flight Nurses

Flight nurses in air evacuation transport squadrons of the Army air forces are performing some of the most heroic jobs of the war.

Some of the girls have more than 1,000 flying hours to their credit in nursing wounded soldiers being evacuated from the front lines to base hospitals in more peaceful territory—from France to England and from England and France to America and Africa.

Crews of the transports in which the nurses fly often are given a furlough after they have spent a certain number of hours aloft or traveled on a certain number of missions, but the nurses stay on the job all the while—and most of the girls wouldn't trade their work for anything else in the world, they declared.

The day before a wounded soldier begins a journey to a hospital he is visited by an Army surgeon in company with the flight nurse who will have charge of the injured man. The doctor explains the nature of the wound and the care the man will require. Then the nurse tells the patient what the trip will be like and attempts to overcome any nervous tendencies she may discover.

Boys on stretchers, as a result, are in good spirit when their ambulances arrive at evacuation airports.

50,000,000 Packages for GI's Christmas

About 50 million Christmas packages were sent to American troops overseas, the Army said.

The shipment represents the greatest mass movement of package mail ever to leave this country. Delivery of the packages to the GI Joes will be by every type of Army transportation, ranging from dog teams in the Arctic to camels in Africa and from special parachutes to jeeps and trucks.

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Bad Eating Habits Continue

Vast numbers of the American people are carrying over to the present days of high wages the bad eating habits they acquired of necessity on reduced incomes during the depression, Miss Mazina Moore, president-elect of the American Dietetic Association, said at its annual meeting in Chicago.

She added that the net result of this practice had been to perpetuate a malnourished group whose final salvation would be brought about only after the war.

Miss Moore, who also is director of dietetics at Vanderbilt University Hospital, Nashville, Tenn., asserted that the apostles of correct eating, who would save the country's undernourished ones from themselves, would be America's returning soldiers and sailors.

The latter had been introduced to correct eating and a balanced diet and know the fallacy of filling up only on starches which make fat persons fatter, even though the fat ones be starving on their feet for the seven protective foods.

Such foods, known as the "basic 7" she enumerated as fruits, green vegetables; fish, cheese and meats; eggs, whole wheat cereals, butter and milk.

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London Round Trip 22 Hours

The Boeing Aircraft Company, which builds Flying Fortresses and Super Fortresses for war, lifted the curtain recently on the first of the new giant transoceanic aircraft it intends to build for peace. It is a revolutionized B-29 Super Fortress, the plane now making periodic bombing trips from China to the Japanese homeland.

Most interesting to American air transport operators is the fact that it is designed to carry up to 100 passengers 3,500 miles nonstop at a cruising speed of 340 miles an hour at a possible operating cost of a penny a passenger mile. Top speed is 400 miles an hour, the company said.

C. L. Egtvedt, chairman of the Boeing Company, said that a prototype of the new plane, built for military transport, is now undergoing tests at the company's Seattle, Wash., airport.

The official title of the new aircraft is the strato cruiser, but it has been known to engineers who designed it as model 377. It is a B-29 Super Fortress only in wings, tail surface, and landing gear, which are identical with those in the bomber. Four engines with a take-off rating of 3,500 horse power each drive it. The rated horse power of these motors is 2,800 and they are larger than the 2,200 horse power plants installed in the B-29.

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De Gaulle Granted Approval of Allies

Under the leadership of Gen. Charles de Gaulle, the republic of France has emerged from four dark years of defeat, occupation, and the ravages of war to take control once more of its own destines as a sovereign nation already promised a position in the council of peace.

Two actions by the United Nations market restoration of the republic: The United States, Great Britain, and Russia recognized the regime of De Gaulle as the provisional government of France, and Gen. Dwight D. Eisenhower turned over to the De Gaulle government the administration of virtually all of France except the western combat zone.

The United States named Jefferson Caffery as its first ambassador to liberated France. Early "unfreezing" of more than a billion dollars of French assets in this country was predicted, along with reopening of business communications between this country and France.

The United Nations at the recent Dumbarton Oaks conference in Washington, in planning for a permanent world peace organization of the Allies, announced that France would be given a seat in the council, the governing body of the organization, along with the United States, England, Russia and China.

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Rheumatic fever, that dreaded cause of heart disease in children and young adults, may be suscsptible to treatment with a chemical found in red pepper and lemon peel. Dr. James F. Rinehart, of the University of California, has reported excellent results in the 19 cases he has already treated, but more extensive tests are necessary.

Grass Root Reveries

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Winnsboro, Texas.

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ALL of us should pause this Christmas to offer a prayer for our soldier boys on the battlefronts. Theirs will be a lonesome Christmas despite the millions of gifts sent to them. Be it ever so humble, there is no place like home, and home and the homefolks will be uppermost in the minds of the soldiers at Christmastime. So let's ask the Giver of all Gifts—our Lord and Saviour—to watch over and protect them in these perilous times.

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Give war bonds and stamps for Christmas presents. As the years go by they will increase in value and the recipient will thank you for your foresight. Those who save their war stamps and bonds will be far wiser than those who spend them. Until the government called in all Liberty Bonds of World I, I owned about $600 worth and they paid me $360 in interest over a 20-year period. Many the time this interest money was food and clothing to me and my family.

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No more fitting time than now to read the Bible. A most interesting book, it is inexplicable that some folks never read the Scriptures. There are stories in the Bible as thrilling as in the best seller. For a real love story you can't beat Ruth and Boaz. For adventure, there is the story of the Prodigal Son and the wanderings in the wilderness of the Israelites. Take time off during Christmas and read Christ's Sermon on the Mount. It is a message of good will to all the world, a plea for a better social order and for kindliness and tolerance among all nations. One sentence in the Sermon on the Mount, if put in practice, would end all wars, crime and poverty. It is, "Whatsoever ye would that men should do unto you do ye even so to them."

The cigarette shortage shows the helplessness of this generation. Back in the good old days everybody "rolled their own," learned to do it expertly. I have seen cowboys roll a cigarette with one hand and light it with the other while running their horses at full speed. Girls didn't smoke in those days and a boy who couldn't roll his own was a sissy.

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The mince pie that we make so much of at Christmas is a third poor seller at hotels and restaurants. The best seller is apple pie, second pumpkin pie, and third mince pie. A waitress in Fort Worth's leading hotel told me that men eat more pie than women. Men also like peach and cherry cobbler and some of them eat it like kids, that is, greedily and noisily.

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There's more bad news for Tokyo on Consolidated-Vultree's assembly lines at Fort Worth and Tulsa. Off these lines are now coming the new B-32s, Consolidated's new—and some say better—counterpart of the Boeing B-29 Superfortresses, which have been blasting Tokyo's war plants. Better, they think, because in the B-32s have been incorporated changes in designs and equipment dictated by battle experience of the Superforts. The new B-32s will be known as "Dominators."

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Uncle Sam's mints are making silver dollars. That's good news to those of us who don't have gobs of money, for with a few silver dollars jingling in our pockets we feel like financial giants. I never can get any kick out of paper currency dollars. Most of them need a good scrubbing with soap and water. But silver dollars are clean and sound like sweet music in a poor man's pocket.

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The farm population of the United States has declined almost 5,000,000, from 30,000,000 in 1940. Nevertheless, more food has been produced on the farms each year the past three years than ever before. By working harder and longer hours, the farmers of the United States have contributed nobly to the war effort. General Eisenhower recently reported a shortage of ammunition but no shortage of food. We thank the farmers for staying on the job—and especially for not pulling off strikes.

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It is reported that 9 million cigars a day are being shipped to Uncle Sam's bluejackets in the Pacific. I hope they are better than the 12c cigars now sold over the counter which taste like cabbage leaves and smell like vulcanized rubber.

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Although this year may not have brought you all the blessings you felt you were entitled to, you can surely be thankful for thousands of small things. It's the small, not the big, things that make us happy. "What profiteth a man if he gains the whole world and loses his own soul." The rich man is not he with a million dollars, but he who has good health, a clear conscience and faith in himself and his fellowman. Fortunate is the man who has the ability to appreciate little things.

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The War Shipping Administration has allotted 17 cargo vessels to the War Department for use in transporting mules to the battlefronts. In spite of their well known stubborn streak, the Army can't get along without mules. Since a small boy I have worked with mules and from my experience I don't believe they are as stubborn as some people. Treat a mule kindly, feed him well, and he will work faithfully. But if you are mean to him, better stay away from his business end or he will kick the innards out of you.

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Hitler has a hideout, reports say, and will stay there until the war is over. His co-butcher, Goebbels, is also in hiding, leaving Himmler to run the show. Rats dive for a hole when a killer is after them.

TEXAS BRIEF NEWS---from Over the State

BURNS MONEY, THEN SUICIDES

Charlie Louis Sherry, age 72, of Houston, burned his savings of $800 in currency before committing suicide.

BURGLAR SLITS PILLOW CASE

While J. C. O'Connell, of Corpus Christi, slept, a burglar slit the pillow case under his head and removed a billfold containing $150. The cut was within two inches of O'Connell's head.

CLOTHES FROM SACKS

Clothes made from flour and feed sacks were modeled at a style show presented by the Big Four Booster Auxiliary at Palestine, (Anderson county).

BORN WITH TWO TEETH

The infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Odis Bodin, of Wills Point, (Van Zandt county), was born with two perfect teeth.

EDUCATED HEN

A hen belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Gee, of Troupe, (Smith-Cherokee county), is reported to have laid an egg with the words "bride" and "age" clearly printed on the yolk.

RARE COIN

A rare gold half-dollar has come to light in Stamford, (Jones county), where it is in the possession of E. G. Keese, cashier of the First National Bank. The coin was minted in 1860.

GIRL WINS MULE

Mrs. Kathleen McKinney, deputy county tax assessor and collector of Palestine, (Anderson county), won a mule at a drawing conducted by the Lions Club. She auctioned the mule to highest bidder.

FAMED CONFEDERATE DIES

Dr. Hugh Monroe Longino, of Mineral Wells, (Palo Pinto county), believed to be the last of Gen. Nathan Bedford Forrest's famous Confederate cavalry brigade, died at the age of 100 years.

CAPITOL'S FIRST MURAL

The first mural to decorate the walls of the State capitol is one by Edna Collins, of Austin, depicting all the industries within the Railroad Commission's jurisdiction.

TEXAS HEADS SOUTHERN STATES

Texas was at the top of the list of construction in Southern States during September, according to The Manufacturers Record. Construction in Texas totaled $11,948,000.

CENTURY OF HISTORY

Data on a century of Texas history has become available to Texans with the addition of the George Travis Wright papers to the University of Texas Archives. The papers cover the period from 1825 to 1917.

LUCKY FISHERMAN

Roy Brown, operator of a Lake Nasworthy bait stand, (Tom Green county), caught a 37½-pound catfish on a set line. The line was baited with large minnows and perch.

WARNED OF FOREST FIRES

Hunters in the East Texas piney woods are being warned of the danger of fires by W. E. White of the Texas Forest Service, A. & M. College. The woods are in an extremely inflammable condition, he said.

WANT A PLANE?

Several thousand airplanes stored in five Texas depots are to be sold to civilians, according to the Dallas Reconstruction Finance Corporation. The planes were bought by the government for training and transportation purposes.

NEW TEXAS INDUSTRY

Siliceous limestone, used in rock wool manufacture, has been found in the Llano region of Central Texas. Sample testing indicates that Texas industrial expansion will have another outlet in insulating material.

MESSAGE GOES TO IRELAND

Three hundred miles off the Virginia coast, J. E. Martin, of Fort Worth, threw overboard a bottle containing his wife's name and address. Mrs. Martin received a letter from a woman in Ireland that she had found the bottle on a beach there.

PREDATORY ANIMALS TRAPPED

Seventy-nine coyotes and 10 bobcats were trapped in 30 counties during September, according to Henry Pluenneke, junior district agent. Martin county led with a catch of 21 coyotes. The catch in August was 37 in that county.

ADVERTISED FOR LOST DIGGER

Buddy Davis, of Hillsboro, (Hill county), loaned his posthole digger so many times he lost track of who had it. So Davis finally advertised: "If the person who borrowed my post hole digger last will let me have it for two hours, I'll appreciate it."

DANEVANG CELEBRATES

The fiftieth anniversary of the founding of the Danevang community, (Wharton county), was celebrated at the town's annual fall festival.

ALFALFA VITAMIN PLANT

A trial test was made at the Valley vitamin plant near McAllen, (Hidalgo county), on extraction of vitamin A from alfalfa. The plant is expected to be in production soon.

ASSOCIATION OFFICERS NAMED

Ira B. Heard, sheriff of Refugio county, has been elected president of the South Texas Breeder Feeder Association. Sidney Smith, of Beeville, is vice-president and Paul Russell remains as secretary-treasurer.

IMITATION PEPPER

Imitation black pepper recently on the market is made from cottonseed flour, plus other ingredients including oil. It looks and tastes like black pepper but not so hot.

ROBBED WHILE GARAGE BURNS

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Thigpen, of Houston, was burglarized while the family and neighbors helped extinguish a fire in the garage. Police believe the burglar set fire to the garage for the purpose of robbing the house.

100 BLOOD DONORS RESPOND

More than 100 persons volunteered to give blood to save the life of 13-year-old Quintella Shirley, of Galveston. The girl is dangerously ill with an organic disease. Many servicemen were among the volunteers.

BANANAS IN DIMMITT COUNTY

Charles Harr, of Dimmitt county, is displaying two well developed bananas grown on his farm. He has about fifty trees which he raises for the novelty. Several fruited this year.

FAMOUS TOWN NAMES

There is a Roosevelt, Texas, in Kimble county and a Deweyville in Newton county. Roosevelt was named for "Teddy."

LEAVES HOSPITAL TO VOTE

Charley Thompson, 90-year-old Houston resident, left his bed in Methodist Hospital and went to the polls in an ambulance to vote. Clerks took the ballots out to the ambulance for him to mark.

DOG HERO OF FIRE

Barking of their little Spitz dog aroused the three members of the E. D. Foster family of Houston in time to escape from their burning home.

EIGHTEEN RATTLER SNAKE

T. J. Wilroy bagged a rattlesnake with eighteen rattlers while he was squirrel hunting near his home in Lufkin, (Angelina county).

GOLD WATCH EXCAVATED

A gold watch that had been lost nearly 60 years ago, when the Parker county courthouse was being built, has been excavated by workmen who are remodeling the building.

FIRST PLANE RIDE

On his first plane ride, 70-year-old Walter E. Chaney, of Terrell, (Kaufman county), took over the controls and flew the plane for 30 minutes. He said he could also land the ship but he'd rather have one lesson at a time.

PENNIES SAVED FOR MARRIAGE LICENSE

An Edinburg, (Hidalgo county), couple saved and paid 100 pennies for a marriage license. They probably assumed that pennies thus saved would bring good luck.

BREAK NATIONAL BLOOD RECORDS

A total of 529 pints of blood given by men and women of Camp Hood, (Bell county), in 6 hours and 40 minutes broke two national records for blood donations.

SENDS PET TO WAR

Nixon Overby, 10-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Overby, of Bartlett, (Bell-Williamson county), has sent his 16-month old German Shepherd Collie, Bum, to the Dog Corps of the U. S. armed forces.

CELEBRATES 2,000th MISSION

Corporal Jesse J. Williams, of Marshall, (Harrison county), is a ground crew member of a P-47 Thunderbolt group which recently celebrated its 2,000th mission since entering combat services in the European Theater of Operations.

LIST OF CONFEDERATE GRAVES COMPILED

Judge R. E. Sparkman, of Italy, (Ellis county), has presented the Texas Division, United Daughters of the Confederacy, a list of 1,600 Confederate graves in Texas. He has secured government markers of marble and granite for the graves.

Upon the Midnight Clear

(A CHRISTMAS CAROL)

It came upon the midnight clear,
That glorious song of old,
From angels bending near the Earth,
To touch their harps of gold;
Peace on Earth, good will to men,
From heaven's all-gracious King;
The World in solemn stillness lay,
To hear the angels sing.

For lo! the days are hast'ning on,
By prophets seen of old,
When with the ever-circling years,
Shall come the time foretold,
When a new Heaven and Earth shall own
The Prince of Peace their King,
And the whole World send back the song
Which now the angels sing.

FIVE-STAR MOTHER

Hettie Hanna Austin, negro, of Bryan, is believed to be the only mother in Brazos county with five sons serving with the armed forces overseas.

JUBILANT ON 104th BIRTHDAY

D. Newton Yeary, of Dallas, realized his fondest hope when he reached his 104th birthday. Two friends who have helped him celebrate each birthday for the past 24 years were present. Yeary was a captain in the Civil War.

DAHLIAS A SUCCESS

Mrs. C. W. Shaeffer, of Dawson county, has proved that the soil and other environments of Dawson county is good for growing of dahlias. From five bunches of dahlia bulbs which she planted last spring she has gathered as many as 75 to 100 of the blooms at one time.

OVERCOMES HANDICAP

Although bedfast for the past six years with arthritis, Hollis Whitt, 29-year-old Hopkins county resident, has earned money by raising chickens, a hog and a cow. He also buys clothes through mail order houses and sells them to residents of his community.

UNUSUAL FLOWER

Mrs. C. E. Canafax, of Weatherford, (Parker county), grew a prize-winning Prince O'Feather in her backyard. The plant, topped with enormous flowers, grew on a single stem 12 inches wide.

FIRES SPREAD

J. O. Burnside, chief of the Forest Service, A. & M. College, said that 62 fires had burned more than 3,500 acres of forest land during one week-end in East Texas.

ARTIFICIAL TEETH STOLEN

Glenn Powell, Houston bus driver, reported to police that a little black bag containing his artificial teeth was taken from his parked car. He was wearing a spare set at the time.

RARE COINS GIVEN UNIVERSITY

A collection of rare coins and currency has been bequeathed to the University of Texas by the late Mrs. Patricia Howell Campbell, of Houston. The collection contains 497 coins, 47 medals and 3,556 items of currency.

STRANGE ASSAULT

A stranger who approached Ed Hart, of Dallas, saying he didn't like Hart's tie, proceeded to cut off the necktie with a pocketknife, then slashed Hart's coat several times. He was arrested for aggravated assault.

SHOOTS SKUNK

Harry Hoy, of El Paso, shot a skunk in the backyard of his home on Baltimore street. Skunks have been bothering Lower Valley residents recently. They live along the irrigation ditches and sometimes prey on poultry.

PROGRAM ON SNAKES

A program on snakes was presented to high school students of Lamesa, (Dawson county), by Jack Raymon, famed traveler. Raymon exhibited 15 live specimens of reptiles, the poisonous and the non-poisonous.

GIFT OF PELICAN

Mrs. J. W. Tallant, of Ennis, (Ellis county), is interested in making someone a gift of a 20-pound pelican which she caught on Waxahachie creek. Its wingspread is six feet. She will guarantee the bird not to be a stork.

TYLER MASONIC CLASS LARGEST

Tyler, (Smith county), with 61 candidates, had the largest number from any town as a class of 768 Masons took the 32nd degree at the 87th reunion of the Dallas Scottish Rite bodies. Beauford Jester, of Corsicana, (Navarro county), was elected president of the class.

LUCKY OR UNLUCKY 13ths

Sarah Ann Garth, of Fort Worth, was born February 13, 1942; was one month old on Friday the 13th; six months on Friday the 13th; nine months old on Friday the 13th; 18 months old on Friday the 13th, and 32 months old on Friday the 13th. She has 13 letters in her name and when her family moved from Russellville, Ark., to Fort Smith on July 13, they located on 13th street.

POT OF GOLD FOUND

A pot containing $380 worth of gold pieces in various denominations was unearthed by workmen at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Selby Davis, of Devine, (Medina county). Mrs. Davis' father had hidden the gold before his death more than 30 years ago.

BOY SCOUTS LAKES STOCKED

The Texas Game, Fish and Oyster Commission is placing 55,000 baby fish in the lakes of Camp Strake, Boy Scout camp near Conroe, (Montgomery county). The stocking is a long range program which the commission hopes will be an example for all Southeast Texas.

TEXAS LEADS IN RUBBER

With Texas leading in production, the nation now has the capacity to turn out more synthetic rubber than is needed, according to R. L. Savage, a Rubber Reserve Company official. However, automotive tires, enough for all demands, cannot yet be produced. The bottleneck is lack of man-power

GRAPEFRUIT GROWN IN PANHANDLE

R. M. Chastain, of Pampa, (Gray county), grew a grapefruit indoors. It is the first record of the citrus fruit having been grown in the Panhandle.

ALARM CLOCK BURGLARY

W. J. Weiser, a Houston watch repairer, reported the theft of nine alarm clocks. Weiser had taken the clocks home to work on them. Since Pearl Harbor few dealers have been able to get alarm clocks.

TRAIL DRIVERS CONVENTION

Approximately 2,000 members of Texas' Old Trail Drivers' Association met for the 29th reunion at San Antonio. President is 82-year-old A. W. Billingsley, of San Antonio.

HEIRLOOM LEFT TO COUSIN

A historical necklace, heirloom of the family for more than 200 years, was willed by the late Miss Virginia Leslie, of Waco, (McLennan county), to a cousin, Miss Virginia Fairfax, of Covington, La.

NEW UNIVERSITY PLANT

A new Trinity University plant at San Antonio is planned by the Texas Synod of Presbyterians. The construction program includes 12 buildings and the purchase of 70 acres near Brackenridge Park.

TEETH CREDITED TO WATER

Gen. Dwight Eisenhower's perfect set of teeth is attracting attention to the water he drank at Denison, (Grayson county), where he was born. Eisenhower said dentists had gone to Denison to study the water.

ELECTRICITY FOR FARMS

Rural electrification now services 130,000 Texas farms and within the next 15 years more than 230,000 farms will be receiving electricity, according to P. T. Montfort, project director of a committee on relation of electricity to agriculture.

$100,000 RURAL CHURCH

The community of Ericksdahl, (Jones county), boasts a $100,000 church with a copper-sheathed spire rising 106 feet. The Bethel Lutheran congregation, which worships in the fine structure, was formed in 1905.

EDITORS BUT NO REPORTER

The Corsicana Sun, (Navarro county), is operating without a reporter. The staff boasts an editor, telegraph, sports and society editors and a proofreader—but no reporter.

WACO REPRESENTED IN AIR, ON SEA

A Liberator bomber, paid for with war bonds bought by Wacoans, carries the name "The City of Waco." The Texas town's name is also on a new constructed freighter-transport, "Waco Victory."

PROVIDES FOR CHARITIES

According to Mrs. H. B. Moore, of Texas City, (Galveston county), her late husband, Col. Moore had asked that a part of his estate be used for a Salvation Army home and library to be erected in Texas City. Mrs. Moore said both buildings would be erected.

HISTORIC CHINAWARE

On display in the University of Texas library are 12 old and beautiful pieces of China labeled, "Texan Campaigne," 1850. Genuine Staffordshire ware, the China depicts San Jacinto battle scenes.

POSTCARD COLLECTION

Mrs. Wallace W. Snider, of Tyler, (Smith county), has been collecting postcards for 15 years. Her collection includes 1918 cards from all parts of the world that commemorate many historical events. Some are dated as early as 1909.

DIAMOND WEDDING CELEBRATED

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Short, of Wichita Falls, are possibly the oldest married couple in the United States. They have celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary. The Shorts have 93 living descendants. They moved to Texas in 1879.

THE FLOP FAMILY — By SWAN

A LITTLE FUN *Jokes to Make You Laugh*

Pay Day "Fit"

A man went to work for a large corporation. With his first salary check he observed a deduction with the notation, "FIT." Returning to the paymaster he sought an explanation. "I don't recall," said the man with a somewhat heavy effort at humor, "having had a fit."

'Oh, yes," said the paymaster earnestly. "Everybody has fits every pay day. FIT is for Federal Income Tax!"

Sortin' 'Em Out

A cab driver was hailed by the doorman of a night club at two a. m. one morning. The doorman escorted four inebriated men to the taxi, arranged them carefully within and then instructed the cabbie: "The man on the left goes to 277 West End Avenue. The one next to him gets off at 79th Street and Riverside Drive. The one on the left front seat at 35 West 90th Street, and the other at 96th Street and Central Park West." The chauffeur nodded understandingly and drove off.

A few minutes later he was back, beckoning to the doorman. "Say, buddy," he said, "would you mind sortin' these guys out again? I had a collision on Sixth Avenue."

Surprised Yankee Leader

During the Civil War, the famous guerrilla leader, Captain John S. Mosby, raided Fairfax Court House in Virginia, where he surprised General E. H. Stoughton, the Yankee leader in possession of the town, sound asleep in bed. Mosby woke him with a slap, and the general sat up groggily.

"Have you ever heard of Mosby?" asked the stranger.

"Yes," said the general excitedly, "Have you got him?"

"No," replied the captain grimly, "he's got you!"

Newspaper Lingo

The newspaper publisher's little daughter returned from Sunday School carrying an illustrated card.

Mother: "What have you there?"

Little Girl: "Oh, just an advertisement about heaven."

Bounced Out

Leaping jauntily over the Australian plains with his wife leaping beside him, the kangaroo came to a sudden stop.

"Judith," he cried excitedly, "where's the baby?"

"Gosh," exclaimed Judith in dismay, "he must have bounced out of my pocket."

Talk-ee Too Long

The late Will Rogers and Irvin S. Cobb once attended the same dinner. Humorist Cobb, one of the speakers present, showed his fellow guests no mercy by speaking an hour. When Cobb finally completed his talk and seated himself, master of ceremonies Rogers commented:

"Ladies and gentlemen, it gives me great pleasure to inform you that you have just heard an address by that venerable Chinese sage, Talk-ee Too Long."

Reversed Order

Toasts were in order. The toastmaster arose to introduce a prominent elderly speaker and said:

"Gentlemen, you have just been giving your attention to a turkey stuffed with sage. Now will you give your attention to a sage stuffed with turkey?"

Legends of Lethargy

Instead of short length wood, Uncle Alf Reeves, pioneer New Mexico ranchman, always burned whole mesquite poles in his fireplace. He'd shove one end of the pole into the fireplace and build a fire around it, leaving the other end 10 or 15 feet extending across the living room floor. As the fired end burned off, the pole was shoved up again.

"It saves a heap of woodchopping," Uncle Alf explained.

Seven Kings

The class compositions was about "Kings." One boy wrote this:

The most powerful king on earth is Wor-king; the laziest, Shir-king; the wittiest Jo-king; the quietest, Thin-king; the thirstest, Drin-king; the shyest, Win-king, and the noisiest, Tal-king."

STRONG DECISIONS AND FAITH

A program for meeting life's problems is a large order; but Jesus in His teaching and example has met it in a large way.

The story of the temptations of Jesus directly implies that the first and major problem that has to be faced is that of basic decision. What sort of life is ours going to be? Do we most want to be true and right, or are we more concerned about worldly success.

Compare the lives of the many church members who go to church when they feel like it, with the life of a real Christian who has made the service of God and his fellowmen the supreme thing in his life, and not a matter of whim, mood, or convenience. The kingdom of God and its choice is the first thing in life, according to Jesus.

No life can be strong that is marked by doubt, distrust, or worry. Yet faith is not always easy, and we would be less than human if we did not worry when things go wrong. We must learn in the school of the Master if we would attain the fulness of faith, and learn to live above worry, putting all our strength into making bad situations better, instead of allowing them to depress and conquer us. Jesus said the spirit of the Lord was upon Him because, in the language of the prophet Isaiah, He was annointed to preach the gospel to the poor.

The words may change, but the substance remains. Every age and situation needs those who will love and serve. It is often the way of sacrifice, and sometimes of hardship. But those who have taken that way have found that, in helping to solve the problems of others, they have gone far toward solving their own.

INDIANS OUTLAW LOAFING

It now is unlawful for a Navajo Indian to loaf.

The tribal council has approved a resolution condemning vagrancy and loitering and providing fines or imprisonment for young men not engaged in useful work. While taking this action the council pointed out that 2,500 members of the tribe are in the armed forces and 10,000 others engaged in war jobs offs the reservation, which is located near Gallup, N. M.

HUSBAND SHORTAGE FACING NATION

The United States is facing a husband shortage!

According to the census bureau, there are about 1,700,000 unmarried men between the ages of 20 and 34 years in civilian life today and some 4,000,000 unmarried women of the same age.

For the first time in history, this republic has a feminine majority. Married and single, civilian and soldier, the bureau estimates there are 600,000 more women older than 21 than there are men. The bureau figures the war boom in marriages is about over until the boys return home. Then, if the trend of the First World War repeats, the bureau expects a sharp spurt in the orange blossom and bridal veil trade.

Latest figures show the median age of bridegrooms was 24.8, and brides was 21.8. For girls who want to do something constructive about getting a husband, the charts point toward the West rather than the East and to small towns rather than the cities.

In New York City the ratio is 100.4 men for every 100 women. Chicago has a rate of 102.7 to 100; Detroit 110.1; Oklahoma City, 102.3, and Sacramento, 113.3 men to 100 women. New England averages 97 men for each 100 women, compared with 111.4 in Idaho; 148.8 in Montana; 116.7 in Wyoming.

Americans will be asked to lend the government $14,000,000,000 more to help finance the war in the Sixth War Loan to continue until about a week before Christmas. Final treasury figures reveal that the $16,000,000,000 goal of the last loan was oversubscribed by almost $5,000,000,000.

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Yuletide Trimmings

By MARY MADISON
(Condensed from New York Times)

IN spite of the "tinsel shortage," the "ribbon shortage" and a horde of other new shortages that the season has revealed, Christmas trimmings can be just as bright and festive as ever before. And a lot more interesting.

For example, the tree shortage may be neatly supplemented by means of the "ruffle tree." This rather unusual bit of horticulture is formed entirely of layers of ruching, made from strips of theatrical gauze or tarlatan. The material is cut into strips about six inches wide and then shirred on one side (a sewing machine will accomplish this part in a trice) and wounded in a spiral about a cardboard cone base.

The size of the "tree" depends entirely on how big a piece of cardboard one can find. The gauze may be any color at all—two or three different shades of green provide a lovely effect, and a tree entirely in pale yellow looks especially charming when trimmed with emerald green balls. (These, incidentally, may still be had in most dime stores).

This wartime tree may be topped with a cellophane star or one of the enchanting Christmas angels that school children concoct out of clear cellophane straws and a few bits of shiny paper. Child-power, incidentally, is an important feature of this Christmas. Children adore stringing popcorn and cranberries, cutting out gingerbread men and snipping out stars—and their efforts contribute materially to the generally gaiety.

Used in Many Ways

The balls and available glittering bells, of course, may be used in many ways. A cluster of all silver balls, tied to a green sprig, may be used to decorate wall-bracket lighting fixtures—where their shininess is amplified by the lights. The same sort of thing makes an attractive substitute for the formal door-wreath and may also serve as a table decoration.

The ribbon, shortage, which is especially noticeable in the case of gold, silver and red ribbon, may be combated by the use of wide strips of organdie or ribbon in untraditional colors. Pale blue, used to tie wreaths, is rather lovely if reflected by a few ice-blue tree balls. Canary yellow, looks quite beautiful with green—and a whole room might be decorated in this scheme—with yellow bows on the greenery, a yellow bowl full of green balls and tall yellow tapers in silver candlesticks. Candles, of course, provide gaiety and glamour all about the house—and there are still a few to be had in department and dime stores.

An unusual and simple mantel decoration may be made by driving a row of long nails at six-inch intervals through a narrow board just a little shorter than the mantelpiece. The board is then covered with greenery. Fat white "night candles" are impaled on the spikes, and the lighted row replaces electricity for Christmas Eve.

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Texas Farm News Reports

From a 60-cent investment in tomato seed, M. L. Cannon, of Hokpins county, realized a $1,000 profit from his 1944 tomato crop.

Texas probably will lead the nation in the production of pecans, according to a forecast which estimates the 1944 crop at 45 million pounds.

An increase of 50,000 bales in the indicated production of Texas cotton has been forecast by the United States Department of Agriculture. The outlook is for Texas to produce 2,500,000 bales in 1944.

Members of the Agricultural Workers Club at a meeting in Marshall, (Harrison county), agreed successful postwar farming in East Texas will depend on smaller farm units and adaptation of each type of land to crops suitable for it.

A few sheep are good property on almost any farm at any time, according to an article in Farm and Ranch publication. The article says about 35 ewes and a high quality purebred ram is a good number for most beginners.

During the past five years, Robert Lee Rummel, Jr., member of the boys' Five-In-One 4-H club of Wilbarger county, has produced 8,285 pounds of beef for which he received $1,823. In recognition of his achievement, Robert Lee has been awarded an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago, December 3 to 6, says County Agricultural Agent Frank Wendt. He has three calves in his current club demonstration.

A 500-mile barb-wire fence extending from the Gulf of Mexico near the border to the Devil's river in Val Verde county is being planned after the war by the Livestock Sanitary Commission. The fence will be designed to prevent drifting of cattle from Mexico into Texas. The commission considers it wlil be effective against tick-infested cattle getting into tick-free herds in Texas.

According to records submitted to County Agricultural Agent D. L. Dudley, Aubrey Parsons, Brazos county 4-H club boy produced in 1944 food equivalent to the rations of 38½ fighting men for one year. Most of it came from his dairy demonstration. He has been awarded an all-expense trip to the National 4-H Club Congress at Chicago, December 3 to 6, and although a student at Texas A. & M. College is continuing his club work.

Burning has no place in conservation farming, according to G. G. Goss, chairman of the Brown-Mills Soil Conservation District. It increases soil erosion and water losses, destroys organic matter needed for soil improvement, causes loss of nitrogen, and increases losses of other plant nutrients by leaching or by rainfall run-off. Returning crop residues to the soil in cultivated fields is essential to maintaining fertility, Goss added.

Twenty-year-old Elton Ellison, of Ralls, (Crosby county), who was proclaimed the star American farmer of the Future Farmers of America, cleared $3,500 last year on farm products. It was the first time the $500 award of the FFA had ever been presented a Texan. Ellison, now in the armed service, was unable to attend the Kansas City convention to hear himself proclaimed "best all-around young farmer."

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L. M. Stephens, of Lometa, (Lampasas county), contracted 100,000 pounds of choice Bend pecans at 15 cents a pound for shipment in November and December. It was the largest single deal in the area in recent years.

B. H. (Hood) Morris, of Hopkins county, is realizing his first crop of walnuts off a blackwalnut tree that was budded with an English walnut five years ago. The tree has two or three hundred large walnuts.

Marie Gunter, 14-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Gunter, of Deaf Smith county, can pinch hit at all farm tasks from canning vegetables to driving a tractor. She is a member of the Simms 4-H club.

H. L. Youngblood, San Angelo theater executive, raises big turkeys on a 40-acre tract in the North Concho river range. The turkeys fatten up to 35 or 40 pounds. Too big for ordinary families, the birds are sold to restaurants, hotels and military establishments.

At the first auction of registered Guernseys under the sponsorship of the Texas Guernsey Breeders' Association since the war began, 46 rigistered Guernseys from near-by States were sold. Sales averaged about $271 each. The sale was held in Dallas.

A stalk of corn 8 to 9 feet high and bearing five well-developed ears was placed on display in the lobby of the First National Bank in Troup, (Smith-Cherokee county). The corn, Texas Prolific variety, which was originated at the Nacogdoches State Experiment Substation, was grown by J. Wilmer of Troup.

L. R. Vaughan, of Hale county, says pasture land under irrigation on his farm has proved profitable. Proper plantings and sufficient water have produced enough grass for Vaughn to run a large herd of cattle on a few acres, and by concentrating his herd he has helped relieve the manpower shortage.

Reports have come from Wilbarger county farmers of considerable damage to new wheat and alfalfa fields by grasshoppers, according to Frank Wendt, county agent. Wendt advises control of the pests by spreading a poison bran bait over the infested areas. Controlling the pests that are active now will help control the grasshopper crop likely to be hatched out next spring.

The richest year in the history of the Rio Grande Valley is in prospect. $92,418,000 in agricultural revenue was recorded during the first eight months this year with the total expected to reach $125,000,000 at the end of December. The revenue to date is far ahead of the same period in 1934 which then was the richest period in Valley farming history.

Information on agriculture obtained by reading and observation guided Carson J. Greene, of Grayson county, on his first farming venture. He came through with profitable crops of Texas hybrid corn, cotton and hay. He planted 40 acres in corn, 20 acres in cotton and 12 acres in wheat, including a hay crop. With only ten days of hired help, Greene planted and cultivated his crops. Greene is a former oil field worker.

Wroten Fairbanks, 18-year-old Orange county youth, qualifies as one of the country's youngest rice farmers. He realized the high average of 18 bags of rice to the acre.

Trade reports indicate that at least half of the 1944 Texas rice crops was contracted for by the middle of October. Although handicapped by lack of labor, mills are working full time milling and shipping rice for domestic trade and to Cuba and the government.

G. W. Biggerstaff, of Sherman, (Grayson county), has a cluster of six pecans, weighing nearly half a pound, which is typical of the crop he is getting from a tree in his yard. In 1940 he budded the tree with five varieties of paper-shelled pecans. This year all five varieties are bearing well. The clusters are so heavy that many of the limbs broke under the weight.

With the co-operation of a furniture store at Crosbyton, about 35 members of seven Crosby county 4-H clubs recently gave an exhibition of their work. Tables occupying the central floor space of the store displayed canned food, aprons, dresses, blouses, embroidery, shoe shine kits, sewing and first aid kits, wall plaques, recipe files, quilts, tied and dyed scarves, and many other articles, says County Home Demonstration Agent Ruth W. Marshall.

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Milk from Texas' 1,425,000 milk cows is one of the country's great wartime assets, according to the Milk Industry Foundation. Last year Texas produced 2,041,000,000 quarts of milk and the cash income was $90,481,000.

The crop reporting board of the Agriculture Department foresees an all-time record harvest for 1944. Production of practically all kinds of farm products is up and the yield per acre is higher than any year with the exception of 1942. More acreage is in cultivation than any year since 1932.

The U. S. Cotton Field Station at Greenville, and the Texas Blackland Experiment Station at Temple, have been working on the cotton root rot problem, which is one of the causes of the declining cotton yields in South Texas. The experiments have shown that by growing Hubam clover or other legumes and applying phosphate where needed, the percentage of cotton dying on the fields has been reduced from as high as 75 per cent to as low as 3 per cent.

Twelve-year-old Claud Edd Brice is believed to be the champion cotton picker of Hopkins county. The 69-pound boy picked 355 pounds of cotton in one day. He has earned enough money to pay for his clothing and has over $100 in the local bank.

F. L. Muse, negro county agent of Polk county, has organized groups of negro farmers in ten different communities to meet and discuss problems. Crop production and livestock have been the main topics. Main purpose of the organization is the improvement of farm practices to produce more feed and to increase the yield on fewer acres of land.

Jeanette Metzger, member of the Converse girls' 4-H club of Bexar county, is an inspiring leader, says Irene Cromatsky, assistant county home demonstration agent. She has been selected as the 1944 Gold Star nominee from her club and county 4-H club council chairman. At a recent 4-H club exhibit her products ranked first and she received blue ribbons in clothing, canned products and baked products.

Contributing to wartime food crops, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Koenig, of Montgomery county, produced a large farm garden, raised and sold 40,000 broilers, grew feed for livestock, kept a flock of poultry producing, and took a leading part in civic betterment. They have a son in the armed forces overseas and a son and daughter in defense work.

During 1944 County Agricultural Agent W. B. Hooser enrolled 614 boys and 329 girls in 16 4-H clubs and reports "one of the most successful years in the history of Hall county club work." A total of 245 boys are demonstrating with swine; 168 had gardens; 79 beef calves; 174 chickens; 29 cotton; 15 milo and two in goats. Among the girls, 323 had gardens; 67 poultry; 105 swine; 39 beef calves; four cotton, and 10 milo. All demonstrations started were completed successfully, Hooser says.

All of the food served at a luncheon given by the McCamey Garden Club, (Upton county), was raised by the members.

Texas bees will produce 6,148,000 pounds of honey this year, according to a U. S. Department of Agriculture report. A four per cent increase in the number of 1944 bee colonies was more than offset by the lower yields per colony.

Beryl Elliston, pioneer realtor, and Fred H. Barrett, successful potato farmer, both of Deaf Smith county will tour Idaho, Washington, Oregon and California this fall to sell the possibilities of their county to farmers of those States. Moving pictures and literature showing advantages of the county will be distributed. Barrett grew potatoes in Idaho for 30 years prior to moving to Hereford in 1940.

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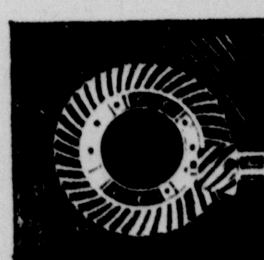

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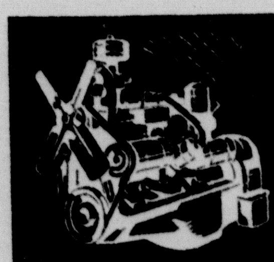

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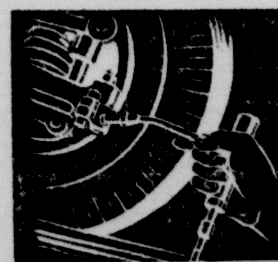

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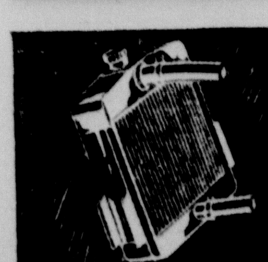

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Holding 11 awards and decorations for sinking or damaging 66 Japanese ships, Commander Norman M. Miller, of Winston-Salem, N. C., 36-year-old Navy flier, has become the most decorated hero of this war.

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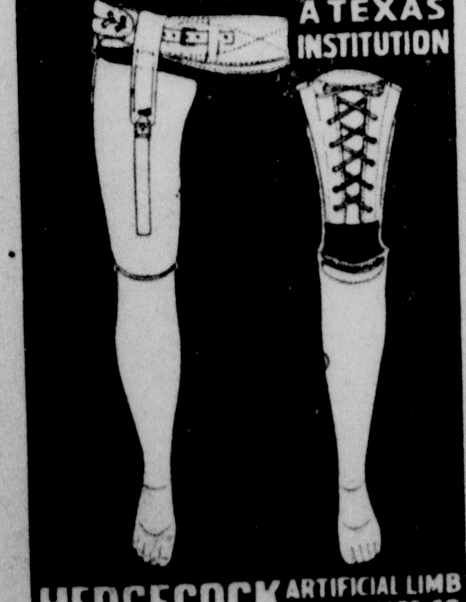

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WAR TOYS GIVE WAY TO THOSE OF PEACE

Tractors already are replacing Sherman tanks, at least in store's toy departments. Spokesmen for the toy industry say that in this year's Christmas stock, which will be better if not longer than a year ago, the trend is definitely away from war toys.

Metal still will be missing, but wood and plastic products will be of better quality, it was said, because buyers and parents have learned from sad experience to stay away from poor substitutes.

Dolls and stuffed animals, with cotton instead of kapok filling, are predicted as best sellers for little girls. Airplane models are expected to lead the boys' field, but, in keeping with the "reconversion," they will be painted "normal" colors, more often than olive drab.

Discussing the over-all supply picture, a trade association official said that the total volume of toys for the holiday will be about 10 per cent less than that a year ago for these reasons: heavy buying during the first nine months of the year; shortages even of non-priority materials, and acute difficulty in obtaining cardboard containers for shipping.

ANCIENT GRAINS

Some vitamins have the ability to survive for a long time. This has been demonstrated by a test of some barley grains recovered from the tomb of King Tut-ankh-amen, in Egypt, where they were entombed for close to 3,300 years.

It may not be entirely correct to speak of vitamins as "surviving," since they are not living things but merely chemical molecules, but chemical molecules are highly organized structures and can deteriorate under certain unfavorable conditions.

Barley grains from King Tut-ankh-amen's tomb were tested by the Ministry of Foods, Cereal Research Station at St. Albans, England, and were found to contain vitamins riboflavin and nicotine acid, in each case about one-third the amount of fresh barley. — New York Herald-Tribune.

BIG NATURAL REFRIGERATOR

With the leasing of 12,000,000 cubic feet of cavern space in a 75-year-old limestone mine in Atchison, Kansas, the War Food Administration has found a partial solution to the nation's shortage of cold storage space. The cost of reducing the mine's natural temperature of 50 degrees F. to 30 degrees F. is $1,000,000 but to build and refrigerate the same amount of storage room above the ground would be 15 times as much.

Lou Bourdeau, of Cleveland, Ohio, and Dixie Walker, of Brooklyn, N. Y., won the batting championships in the major league, Bourdeau leading the American with a mark of .327 and Walker topping the Nationals with .357.

Our Boys and Girls

SANTA CLAUS' REPLY TO BOBBY'S LETTER

By ANTHONY WETZEL
(Detroit Free Press)

Just before each Christmas little boys and girls write many letters to Santa Claus. One letter Santa received last Christmas from a little boy, named Bobby Brown, was so unusual that he answered it. Here is Bobby's letter and Santa's reply:

"DEAR SANTA: I am a little boy and the only thing I want for Christmas is to have brother home for Christmas. My mother and I are sick. My brother joined the marines and he was there a long time and they never give him a fourlough yet. I am asking you to bring him home for Christmas and I will pay you back everything as soon as I go to work. A merry Christmas and happy New Year. Thank you.

"BOBBY BROWN."

DEAR BOBBY: I guess your big brother must be quite a guy, because you have to be quite a fellow to get into the marines. You have to be strong and tough and brave enough to do your job in spite of the most terrible risk in all this world.

I think I know what your brother would be doing if he'd had the chance to get home for Christmas. He'd be trudging through the stores, looking impatiently for presents good enough for your mom and you. And when Christmas morning came and you rushed downstairs to see what Santa has brought in the night, he'd just stand there sort of awkward and shy, but grinning as wide as could be, and with a light shining out of his eyes.

Brother won't be home for Christmas, but just between you and me, Bobby, he's not neglecting you a bit. The military address you scrawled on the back of your note indicates that brother is in a mighty important outfit. He's in the marine amphibian command. And even as I write this he may be setting out with his buddies across the Pacific to get something for you a lot more precious than Christmas toys.

Just the other day there was a big story in the paper about a lot of brave lads just like your brother. They marched away to camp, just as he did, and they went through hard weeks and months of training. And when they were ready, they sailed across the Pacific and they went to work on their big job.

It was the toughest job you ever heard of in your life, Bobby. There was this little island of Tarrawa, circled by reefs of rocky coral. And back of the reefs, and back of the beaches, were thousands of little yellow Japs with rifles and machine guns and mortars.

When the marines moved toward the beaches in their landing boats the bullets fell thick as rain and every bullet was a screaming messenger of death. Halfway to the beaches, the coral stopped the landing boats, and the marines plunged into the sea and fought their way on, up to their necks in the sea. Those who kept on living made the beach, and they took it away from the Japs, and after a hard fight they took the whole island.

They paid for the island, and it makes you sick inside to think of the price they paid, but it was something they had to do. There are many more islands, and your brother, and thousands of other brothers and sons and fathers won't be able to come back until that job is done.

These aren't pleasant things to tell a little boy, but your brother, and all the other brothers, are going through those things for you. They're fighting to bring you back a shining thing called a birthright. That's a clumsy, awkward word for a little boy, but it means all the precious things that make your own little boy's world the way it is. It means your chance to grow up strong and fearless and free . . . to be useful and happy and secure in all your life as an American.

I guess that birthright of yours has a lot to do with the spirit of the Blessed Babe who was born on this Christmas Day we're soon to celebrate. He came into a world tortured by oppression and hatred and violence, and He preached a new sort of living, ruled by faith and glorified by the warmth of God's own charity.

Somehow the men who founded our nation . . . who gave you your birthright . . . managed to build much of His blessed teaching into their design for democracy . . . for government by the Golden Rule.

The Child who was born on Christmas in Bethlehem grew to manhood, and He died a horrible death as the price of that birthright He gave us. But He lives on in glory. You can find Him in the heart of your brother, and of every man who offers himself unselfishly for that birthright.

And I think you can find the reflection of His shining glory in the lives, and in the memory of all the patriots down the years who fought for the rights of humanity. As I grow older I suspect that men who have lost, or never won, that selfless love of God's freedom are worse than animals without any souls at all.

So don't fret, Bobby, because your big brother won't be home for Christmas. He's doing a man's job . . . a patriot's job . . . and on Christmas Day your pride in him should shine as bright as the lights on the Christmas tree.

It isn't that he wouldn't want to be coming home.

Those lads out there love what they're fighting for, and they're sick for the sight of home and the warmth of mom's soft arms and dad's grin and your own wistful smile.

They're so sick for the things of home that the sight of a letter fills their eyes with tears and memories of many Christmases abide in their hearts.

They want to come back. Only those lads and the God of Battle know how terribly they want to come back. But they're sticking with the job till it's done.

We've got a job to do here at home, and maybe in this lonely Christmastide, we ought to kneel before the God of freedom . . . and rededicate ourselves to that job . . . for now and always!

Yours affectionately,
SANTA CLAUS.

CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

American boys and girls sometimes go through a lifetime of Christmases without giving much thought to the origin of some of the joyful customs and symbols of the holiday season.

Tree

One version of the first Christmas tree is that it originated with Martin Luther, early in the sixteenth century, in Germany. Walking the hills on Christmas Eve, Luther was so deeply impressed with the beauty of the holy night that he resolved to typify its beauty for his children. He cut down a small evergreen, took it home and hung candles from it to represent the stars. Another tradition carries it back to St. Boniface in Germany's pagan era.

Santa Claus

As we know him, Santa Claus is derived from the Dutch "San Nicolaas," who in turn was patterned after the legend surrounding St. Nicholas, an early bishop of Myra. St. Nicholas says the legend established the custom of surprise Christmas gifts by making a secret bestowal of marriage dowries upon the three daughters of an impoverished nobleman.

Mistletoe

Hanging mistletoe is of Celtic and Teutonic origin. These peoples in ancient days thought mistletoe, hung in the house, would prevent sickness and misfortune. In England it was regarded as an offering to love and fertility. Later it simply became a Christmas time festive symbol which gave a young man the privilege of kissing any girl he caught standing under the sprig. Mistletoe is a parasite shrub found on many trees.

Cards

Good wishes at Christmas time were sent in letter form until almost midway in the nineteenth century. About 100 years ago an English painter was too busy to write to all his friends. Instead he painted a greeting, had it lithographed and sent out copies. Wealthy Londoners heard about it and soon were doing the same. Christmas cards of today are the result of the first greeting card sent out by this Englishman.

Carols

Christmas music traditionally goes back to 1223, when St. Francis, at Greccio, Italy, tried to portray the first Christmas to his flock. He presented a playlet which contained songs full of the human pathos of the Nativity, written by Franciscan monks. Later, members of the Franciscan order took their songs to England, where wandering minstrels picked them up. It soon became the practice for children to sing carols for candy and cookies.

HOW IT STARTED

With the newsprint shortage what it is and space at a premium, it is imperative to resist the temptation to write an extended explanation for the use of Xmas for Christmas and go all out to make it short.

Compressing the facts, therefore, "x" here marks the spot of Christ.

It is, that is to say, a symbol of the cross or Christcross, an abbreviation which suggested itself readily in the religious minded sixteenth century because it resembled the Greek letter chi, the first letter of the Greek word for Christ.

The earliest use of the abbreviated form Xmas dates from 1551, in th work "Illustrated British History" by E. Lodge.

CHRISTMAS TRICKS FOR 'TEENS

ON THE BALL—We're referring to those glistening Christmas tree balls which are just as gay around your neck, strung on ribbon, as they are on the tree. And try the very tiny ones as earrings at the big Christmas party.

STAR DUST—Sprinkle some of that Christmas tree snow on your hair, just before the big party. Not enough to make you look like a walking White Christmas, but just a touch to put irridescent lights on your topknot. Think how you'll glisten when they dance with the lights out!

SPREAD GOOD CHEER—Buy some red and green sequins at the dime store or (Continued top next column) trimming counter and embroider "Merry Christmas" in them across the front of a sweater. You can always rip them out when Christmas is over, but think of the fun you'll have wearing your greetings during Christmas week!

SANTA CLAUS GROUP

To make sure Christmas comes to the orphans of the State, including children whose families have been broken by war, a benevolent legislature created the Oklahoma Santa Claus Commission. With only $1,500 to spend annually from State legislative appropriations, the group finds that private donations usually boost the sum to more than $5,000.

The commission has a special place in its heart for youngsters from war-torn families.

"It's only natural," said Mrs. Warren Fountain in the group's toy-stacked head-headquarters, "that we'll make every effort to see that such children get what they order in their letters."

Mrs. Fountain, secretary of the agency, organized in 1937, said hundreds of letters are received by a three-man commission which plays Santa Claus. Last year the group's money went for gifts of clothing, toys, and candy to 3,354 children living in orphanges in Oklahoma.

Most popular gift for girls? Perfume, says Mrs. Fountain.

BOTTLE NOTE DELIVERED AFTER 29 YEARS AFLOAT

In one of the most amazing circumstances of its kind, a bottle tossed overboard in the Pacific Ocean by a sailor was washed ashore near Norfolk, Va., 29 years later, and the note which it contained delivered to the person who wrote it—a resident of Norfolk.

Charles B. Bernard dropped the bottle over the side of the U. S. S. Maryland, October 6, 1915, when the ship was enroute from Hawaii to San Francisco. He had written on a slip of paper, "If this note is ever found please send it to C. B. Barnard, 221 W. 17th St., Norfolk, Va." Recently Bernard received a telephone call telling him that J. H. Walden had picked up the bottle on the beach near his cottage.

The bottle contained a cork stopper with a metal screw top outside, which was taped and sealed. The paper within was slightly discolored.

BLOOD PLASMA BY AIRPLANE

Every day transport planes cross the Atlantic flying whole blood directly to Paris for transfusions to wounded soldiers, sometimes within 24 hours after it is given by donors. Distribution could be compared with local milk deliveries as to bottling and speed of delivery. Shipments currently amount to 750 pints, weighing about one and three-quarters tons.

Before the inauguration of this policy, whole blood was obtained from military personnel abroad. The emphasis on whole blood does not affect the urgency of need for blood plasma, but the red blood cells removed in plasma preparation are the oxygen carriers without which a severely bleeding man cannot live no matter how much fluid is given to him.

Brig.-Gen. Fred W. Rankin, chief consultant in surgery to the Army's surgeon general, says that in cases of severe shock and bleeding with advanced anemia, and where emergency operation is necessary, whole blood is essential in the preservation of life.

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SOUND THE MERRY BELLS OF YULE

Again, through our troubled and tragical era, sound the merry, merry bells of yule. There is a miracle of wonder in the recurrence of Christmas. The dark shadow of war, the humming drive of war industries and the stores full of eager shoppers bring neither failure nor fear to this happiest of holidays. For hundreds of years Christmas has been celebrated in war and peace, in hut and palace. It has serenely weathered the rigors of Puritan attack and the cynicism of modern paganism. Business as usual may exploit it, but Christmas in turn subdues business. Christmas belongs to the ages, and Time has laid no withering hand upon its spirit. Men pass, dynasties disappear, nations decay; but the rule of Christmas still holds sway in the human heart.

This is the big year for the "little" gift, the small remembrance that is chosen with thoughtfulness and wrapped with care, that actually pays the recipient the subtle compliment of implying that her yardstick of gift appreciation is not marked off in dollars and cents.

You may have reasons this year for spending less for your gifts—spending less in money, that is. You'll probably end up by expending more in spirit, and in turn warming far more than usual the heart of the person at whose feet you lay the small gift that is loving.

You'll find the small, sweet remembrance in abundance this year. The single lipstick, the soap figuring, the single dram of perfume, the jar of cream, the pretty shaker of fine talc can testify in a big and tenderful way.

SHARE CHRISTMAS WITH CHILDREN AND FRIENDS

By now you have, probably, completed your Christmas shopping and have the gifts wrapped. Now you can devote your attention to culinary duties and to trimming the tree.

Perhaps, having whipped yourself up to an artificial excitement about Christmas for the children, you now sit down with slumped emotions and look at the day with reality. No daddy to help trim the tree. No one to enjoy the delicacies you may prepare. Children are indifferent alike to sacrifice and efficiency. They take both for granted.

This is the moment to thing about for persons in a like situation. If there are no daddies, no relatives or grandparents to make the day a happy one, then there must be friends or acquaintances who face a like bleak one. Pool your Christmas trees, your dinners and your fun and have a day that will wipe out lonesomeness and sorrow from another's heart—and incidentally your own.

As this is a day for the children, let them enjoy some of the responsibilities. Everyone knows, but does not practice the knowledge, that it's more fun to do than to watch someone else doing.

In parents' unselfish desire to give the children happiness and a surprise, they grab all the fun of tree trimming, and leave the children on the outside as restless spectators.

If time hangs heavily for the children, they could do some of the trimmings for the tree. Let them rub paste over the angel dolls of stars and sprinkle them with silver dust. Let them string cranberries or string their own bright beads to be hung on branches that need some weight and a touch of color.

We're all having homey Christmases, simple days with gatherings relatives, pot luck meals in many cases and as much happiness as we can cram into the day. My wish for all of you, the happy and the heavy-hearted is "A Merry Christmas."

GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN

Games you remember from childhood are still as popular as ever. Musical chairs can be played, using either a phonograph or piano. The Farmer in the Dell has as much appeal as ever. And pinning the whiskers on Santa Claus will delight everyone. Each child is blindfolded when his turn comes. He is turned around by the shoulders three times at a distance of five feet from the picture. Then he is free to pin the whiskers where he guesses they belong.

Singing Christmas songs can be lots of fun if the adult leading the songs is gay and lets the children suggest the ones they would like. And, as always, children like to make lists of the things they want for Christmas. When each has been given a paper and pencil, let them have three minutes to make out their lists. The one with the longest list without repeats should be the winner.

And, of course, a grab bag would delight them. An old pillow case would be good to hold the favors. These can be crayons, hair combs, small tin of paints, paper cutouts, tiny dolls or autos. These need not be wrapped seperately. The Children won't care, and the wrappings will clutter up the floor and favors may be lost.

Allow time for free-play—that is, when there isn't any planned game. This will come best after the grab bag. Then they'll want time to see what each got, and try out their own favor. But don't feel that there must be a grab bag with favors. The children will have a grand time just given refreshments and time to play with their little friends.

Pies made with unpeeled apples, sliced thin, need 25 per cent less sugar, since much of apples' high sugar content lies near the skin.

HOLIDAY RECIPES

Crown Roast of Pork, Glazed Apples

Have butcher prepare a rib section of two pork loins to make a crown roast. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Place ribs down in a roasting pan or if ribs must be placed upward, wrap them in paper to prevent burning. Roast in a moderate oven, 350 degrees F., allowing 30 minutes per pound. When meat is thoroughly cooked, stand on platter, garnish rib ends with paper frills, and fill center with candied sweet potatoes and apples.

Inexpensive Fruit Cake

This recipe never fails.

One pound dark brown sugar, 1 package seedless raisins, 3 tablespoons shortening, 1 teaspoon salt, 2 teaspoons nutmeg, 2 teaspoons cinnamon, 1 teaspoon cloves, 2½ cups boiling water. Boil together for eight minutes, then let cool. When cool add 4 cups flour, 3 tablespoons baking powder, 1½ teaspoons baking soda. Cook in a slow oven in a well-greased pan. For extra special occasions add a few walnuts and cherries and a can of cut-up citrons and lemon peels that only cost 10 cents a can.

Mincemeat Pudding

- 1½ cups sifted flour
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup sugar
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 cup mincemeat
- ½ cup milk
- 1 cup unsweetened fruit juice
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ cup light brown sugar
- 1 tablespoon butter or substitute.

Mix and sift together flour, granulated sugar, baking powder and salt. Add milk and mincemeat. Mix until flour disappears and pour into greased nine-inch square pan. Combine remaining ingredients, bring to the boiling point and pour over pudding. Bake uncovered in a moderate oven (350 degrees F.) for one hour. Serve hot or cold with cream or hard sauce. Serves eight.

Cranberry Chiffon Pie

"The holiday season just wouldn't seem quite right without cranberries," writes Mrs. Margaret Hiemenz from Buffalo, New York. "This pie has always been my family's special Christmas treat. We call it Cranberry Chiffon.

- 2 cups of cranberries
- ½ cup water
- 3 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- ¼ cup cold water
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ cup whipping cream
- Pinch of salt
- 1 tablespoon gelatin.

"Cook berries in water until skins pop open. Put through sieve and add egg yolks which have been beaten with half the sugar. Cook until thickened. Add gelatin which has been softened in cold water, and the salt and lemon juice. Allow this to cool and fold in the egg whites, whipped stiff with the remaining sugar. Put in a baked pie shell and chill until firm. Spread the top with whipped cream just before serving.

Christmas Cookies

"Here is the recipe for a Christmas cookie that my mother taught me to make," writes Mrs. Weldon Elwell, of Danbury, Connecticut. "It yields about 70 small cookies.

- ½ pound cream cheese
- ½ pound margarine or shortening
- ½ pound flour
- Pinch of salt.

"Cut in shortening as in pie pastry, until able to handle. Roll out on floured board and cut in desired shapes and fill, sealing the edges, with this mixture:

- ½ pound nut meats (peanuts, pecans, walnuts or hickory nuts)
- 1 tablespoon melted butter
- ¼ pound of honey
- ½ cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon.

"Bake until honey-colored brown in a 325 or 350-degree oven. The longer they stand the better they taste."

Cranberry Salad (Serves 6)

- 1 envelope plain unflavored gelatine
- 1¼ cups water
- 2 cups cranberries
- 1 cup sugar (or less, to taste)
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup tangerine, or orange sections, halved
- ¼ cup chopped celery
- ½ cup chopped nuts

Soften gelatine in ¼ cup of the cold water. Cook cranberries in remaining water until tender. Stir in sugar and cook five minutes. Add softened gelatine, salt, and lemon juice and stir until gelatine is dissolved. Strain and cool. When mixture begins to thicken, fold in tangerine, or oranges, celery and nuts. Turn into individual molds that have been rinsed out in cold water first. Chill. Unfold on lettuce and serve with mayonnaise.

NOTE: May be molded in ring mold and chicken or crab salad piled in the center.

Tip for breakfast on Christmas morning: Griddle cakes fried in bacon fat to a golden brown and served with apple slices sauteed in the same fat.

A holiday sweet that's good for children consists of prunes, steamed just enough to soften, pitted, stuffed with nuts and rolled in a bit of sugar.

Here's a grand Gebhardt Treat!

Deviled Eggs in Aspic

- 3 bouillon cubes
- 1½ cup boiling water
- 1 pkg. lemon gelatine
- ½ cup cold water
- ½ cup tomato juice
- 1 teasp. minced onion
- ¼ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon Gebhardt's Chili Powder
- 6 deviled eggs
- ½ cup green peas
- ½ cup carrots, cooked

Dissolve bouillon cubes and gelatine in boiling water; add cold water, tomato juice, minced onion, salt. Pour thin layer in bottom of 1 large mold or 6 individuals; chill until firm. Chill remaining gelatine until thick but not firm. Sprinkle firm gelatine with GEBHARDT'S Chili Powder; arrange stuffed eggs; cover with thin layer of gelatine; layer of green peas; another layer of gelatine; a layer carrots; fill mold with rest of gelatine. Chill until firm. Serve on crisp lettuce with mayonnaise. See above illustration.

★ This is just one of the many famous recipes from Gebhardt's new 48 page recipe book: "Mexican Cookery for American Homes." It's FREE! Just mail post card to Gebhardt Chili Powder Co. 109 S. Frio St., San Antonio 7, Texas, for a free copy of this cook book.

NOT RATIONED

Gebhardt's EAGLE CHILI POWDER

The original Quiz Kid might well be 70-year-old John W. Cooper, who has just retired after 53 years of service as information bureau clerk at Grand Central Terminal in New York City. During that time he answered 7,000,000 questions for confused travelers.

DOES YOUR HOME INVITE ACCIDENTS

Home should be the safest, happiest place in the world, but is it? Surprising as it seems, the yearly toll of accidents in the home is second only to that caused by automobiles. Many of these accidents could be prevented by a little forethought.

Are your stairways well-lighted, kept free from litter, and equipped with sturdy hand-rails? Are the steps in good repair with no sagging or broken boards?

Provide a place for the children's toys and see that all toys are put away before the youngsters are put to bed. Shoes and all other clothing should be picked up off the floor.

Arrange the furniture so as to give clear passage through the room. Label all bottles of poison plainly and stick a pin in the cork of each so they may easily be identified if someone is rummaging around in the dark.

Piles of papers, oily rags and junk should be cleaned out of attic and cellar. These might easily start a fire. Defective plugs and wiring are also fire hazards. Better have the wiring checked to make sure there are no faulty connections.

Throw rugs create their share of accidents, too. See they are anchored with nonslip material or rubber rings so none will slip on them.

If you have been careless about these things in the past, and nothing has happened, that's fine. But you never know just when your luck may run out.

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AIRLINE BUSSES

The bus industry proposes to establish scheduled helicopter-bus air service operating between bus stations in downtown sections of approximately 1,000 cities and towns, and between nearby towns, Agnew E. Larsen, president of RotaWings Inc., reported recently to the transportation and maintenance meeting of the Society of Automotive Engineers.

Numerous applications have already been made to the Civil War Board for certificates of operation for helicopter-bus service by the nation's leading motor coach lines.

The engineering of helicopter buses, Mr. Larsen stated, is moving at a pace which should assure the operators and the public of a reasonably wide choice of air-buses. He cited the work of Igor Sikorsky, Platt LePage and Bell Aircraft.

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MANY RETURN FOR CHRISTMAS HOLLIDAYS

Wears Purple Heart

MAJ. MERLE M. GROVE

Maj. Merle M. Grove, Chaplain, United States Army, wears the Purple Heart, for wounds sustained while in line of duty with fighting men on the battle front in Germany.

A photo of the Major was made available to The Herald on request to Mrs. Grove who lives in Cameron.

Recently Roelif Loveland, United States War Correspondent, with Gen. Patton's Third American army in Germany, recently visited the front with Major Grove to write a story of the work of ministers who are army chaplains and also of men who know first hand of conditions up at the front where men die. A copy of the story has been left with The Herald and because of its interest, will be published at a later date.

Maj. Grove trained at Camp Barkley with the 90th Division when the division was first activated. He went on maneuvers and later was quartered at Fort Dix. In March 1944, he went overseas and made the invasion of France. He landed at Cherbourg one June 8. In June he was made Assistant Division Chaplain and was promoted to the rank of Major on August 21, 1944.

He wears the Purple Heart for wounds sustained while at the front Maj. Grove is a graduate of Texas Christian University and was minister of First Christian Church in Cameron 5 years from 1934 to 1939. Mrs. Grove and their 2 sons, Mickey and Tommy live in Cameron.

Maj. Grove entered service on March 3, 1942. He was minister of the First Christian Church in Brownsville when he became an army chaplain.

Back In States

SGT. JOHN D. WESTBROOK

Sgt. John D. Westbrook, veteran of 15 months of fighting the Japs in New Guiena, has been back in the states for some time and at present is stationed at Camp Caffee, Ark.

Sgt. Westbrook's experiences have already been related in part in the Herald. In the early days of the Pacific campaign he was sent to New Guiena with the army and took part in the early, bitter fighting and lived to tell the tale of great heroism of Americans who without present battle equipment whipped the Japs and restored New Guiena.

Sgt. Westbrook is the son of Ed. Westbrook of Cameron and a brother of Ray Westbrook. He hopes to spend Christmas in Cameron with relatives and friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hubnik are announcing the arrival of a baby girl weighing 7 pounds and 10 ounces. She has been named Caroline. Mrs. Hubnik is remembered as the former Miss Helen Zavrel. Mother and baby are doing nicely.

Golden Wedding Will Be Double Anniversary Holliday Event Here

Judge and Mrs. Jeff T. Kemp of Cameron and Mr. and Mrs. Frank L. Adams of Houston invite their friends to call on Christmas Day, between the hours of 2:30 p. m. and 6:00 p. m. at the home of Judge and Mrs. Jeff T. Kemp in Cameron, in celebration of their Double Golden Wedding Anniversary.

The two couples were married in a joint ceremony at the Methodist Church in Cameron on December 25, at 2:30 p. m. 1894.

No Presents.

A double Golden Wedding celebration will be held in Cameron on Christmas Day, December 25, 1944, in the home of Judge and Mrs. Jeff T. Kemp. The occasion will be the 50th Anniversary of their marriage and also the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Adams of Houston. Mrs. Adams is the former Miss Rosa Kemp, sister of Judge Kemp.

The celebration will be of state wide interest and the reception will climax the happiness of Holiday social events in Cameron.

Herewith are two accounts of the double wedding which occured 50 years ago, the first published in The Cameron Herald and the second published in the Dallas Morning News:

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WEDDING BELLS

Double Wedding at the Methodist Church Christmas Day—Hundreds present to congratulate the Happy Contracting Parties.

Last Tuesday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock a happy event was solemnized at the Methodist Church in this city, the occasion being a double wedding. The worthy and popular contracting parties were Mr. Jeff T. Kemp and Miss Lina Rogers, Mr. Frank Adams and Miss Rosa Kemp. The ceremony was gracefully performed by the Rev. Geo. A. LeClere, pastor of the Methodist church.

Before the appointed hour an immense concourse of people had gathered and the church edifice was crowded beyond its capacity. Many stood in the aisles, while others failed to secure standing room and were compelled to remain on the outside.

The following were the attendants: Mr. U. S. Hearrell and Miss Meta Thompson, Mr. C. W. Lawrence and Miss Kate Paden, Mr. Demmie Kemp and Miss Ella Rogers, Mr. P. O. Adams and Miss Ella Robinson, Mr. Frank Pool and Miss Mary Hayden, Dr. R. R. White and Miss Susie Pope, Dr. E. A. Thompson, best man with Miss Mo Kemp, maid of honor. Messrs. Homer McGregor and Tom Wolf officiated as ushers. The Wedding march was deftly rendered by Mrs. Judge Sam Streetman.

After the ceremony the happy couples were driven in carriages to the depot where they took the train for Galveston. After the first of January they will be "at home" to their friends.

Mr. Jeff T. Kemp has resided here since his childhood and there are none more popular and deserving than he. His bride is the accomplished daughter of the lamented J. C. Rogers, and is universally admired.

Mr. Adams is with the Carey-Lombard Lumber Company at this place and by his urbanity and sobriety has won a host of friends who wish him great success through life. Miss Kemp is a general favorite and is a grace to the social circle.

The Herald joins in wishing these young couples a bon voyage o'er the Sea of Life.

Cameron Herald, December 27th, 1894.

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The prettiest wedding of the season was witnessed at the Methodist church Christmas Day at 2:30 p. m. The Methodist church was beautifully decorated with evergreens and hot house plants. The contracting parties were Jeff T. Kemp and Miss Lina Rogers and Frank Adams and Miss Rosa Kemp. Long before the hour of the wedding the church was filled with people eager to witness the double wedding. Mrs. Sam Streetman presided at the organ, and when the wedding march was first heard, the attendants, Dr. Thompson and Miss Mo Kemp, D. Kemp, Jr., and Miss Ella Rogers, Dr. White and Miss Susie Pope, Powell Adams and Miss Ella Robinson, U. S. Hearell and Miss Meta Thompson, Frank Pool and Miss Mary Hayden, Walter Lawrence and Miss Kate Paden, marched slowly up the aisle and arranged on opposite sides of the altar.

Slowly and gracefully marched up the aisle Messrs. Kemp and Adams with their winsome brides leaning upon their arms and as they stood under the two suspended floral hearts, Rev. George A. LeClere, in a pretty yet solemn ceremony, made each couple one in name, affection and destiny.

A number of friends accompanied them to the Santa Fe depot, where the bridal party took the 3:20 train for Galveston, San Antonio and other places.

Mr. Kemp is bookkeeper for his father, D. Kemp who is one of the leading merchants of this city, and his bride is a daughter of Mrs. Martha Rogers of Cameron and has been one of the favorites of the entire city, besides possessing all the graces and charms requisite to true ladyhood.

Mr. Frank Adams is connected with the Carey-Lombard Lumber Company, and by his tact and ability has won the confidence of his associates, as well as the highest respect of the citizens of Cameron. His bride, Miss Rosa, daughter of Mr. D. Kemp, is a native of Cameron and is one of the leading belles of the city, possessing many amiable qualities, which make her the embodiment of womanhood. Both couples received many handsome presents from relatives and friends.

Dallas Morning News, December 27th, 1894.

Killed On Leyte

MAJ. R. SCOTT EVANS IS KILLED IN ACTION

Mrs. Jennie Bell Evans of 3203 W. Ashby Place, San Antonio, has been notified that her husband, Maj. Raymond Scott Evans, 31, Division Air Officer of 7th Infantry Division Artillery was killed in action on Leyete on October 26.

The son of T. T. Vans, linotype operator for the Express Publishing Company for the past 25 years, and Mrs. Evans of 314 W. French Place. Major has been overseas for the past five months. Stationed first in the Hawaiian Islands, he later was sent to Leyte.

A former student of old Main Ave. High School, Evans was graduated from Texas A & M College, getting degrees in Geology and Military Science. After leaving College he became associated with the Sun Oil Company as Geologist, going into the service in May 1944, as Lieutenant.

In addition to the widow and parents, Evans is survived by a 3 year old son, Richard Scott Evans; a brother Tracy Evans, a supply officer with the Army in France, and a sister Mrs. L. M. Rhoads of French Place address.

Mrs. Evans will be remembered as the former Miss Jennie Bell Cone, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. B. Cone of Phoenix, Arizona, and niece of Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Wallace of Minerva, where she made her home during her High School and College days and until she married.

She is a graduate of Rockdale High, also attended C. I. A., Denton, McMurry, Abilene and A & M Colleges.

Maj. Evans died as he had lived, always at his post of duty.

E BOND TOTALS LACK $25,000 OF THE QUOTA

A check of E bond sales Wednesday revealed that the county is still short $25,000 of the goal of $225,000.

The total as announced by Dan Tyson, war finance chairman at noon on E bonds is $199,367.50. Cameron is responsible in a large measure for the failure thus far.

The time limit has been extended. All sales made through December 30 will be counted, it was stated by Mr. Tyson.

Two Trustees Resign Cameron Board, Both Have Left District

Two members of the Cameron School Board have resigned, it was announced here Tuesday by George Childress, President of the Board.

The members are J. C. Martin, a former President of the Board and veteran member, and Roy Law, elected in 1942. Both members resigned because they have moved out of the district. Mr. Law has moved to his farm in the Salem community and Mr. Martin has purchased a home in the Green addition to the city outside the city limits.

Mr. Childress said that the vacancies will be filled by appointment but the board has not acted on the matter.

Mr. and Mrs. Penn Wolf will have as their holiday guest, Mr. and Mrs. Dero Jenkins of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Brown and son, Johnny, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Brown and two daughters and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Brown all of Waco.

Publishers Thanks

The Publishers are sincerely appreciative of the patronage accorded this annual Christmas edition of The Herald. Into these pages have gone hard work and as much care of preparation as could be expected under conditions. The purchase of ad space made this edition possible and we wish to express our thanks to all who have had a part in this edition.

Many features which were due to be included will be missing because of labor shortage and the resulting mechanical difficulties under war times.

—THE PUBLISHERS

W. T. HANES OF TAHOKA NEW SUPERINTENDENT

W. T. Hanes, superintendent of schools at Tahoka in Lynn county, has been given and has accepted a three year contract to become superintendent of schools in Cameron, it was announced here Tuesday by George Childress, President of the Cameron Board.

Mr. Childress and Chas. E. Allday, board member, gave the information to the press Tuesday afternoon, acting for the entire board. Mr. Childress said Mr. Hanes had been elected by a unanimous vote of the Cameron Board, indicating thorough agreement and complete appreciation of the record and qualifications of the new Superintendent.

Mr. Hanes, is was understood has another year of contract with the schools at Tahoka but his board, was quoted as willing to give him a release.

The contract was tendered Mr. Hanes here last week at a meeting of the board at which he was present. He returned to Tahoka and this morning Mr. Childress received his letter of acceptance.

Mr. Hanes holds a Bachelor of Science degree from East Texas State Teachers College, an M. A. degree from Texas Technological College at Lubbock and completed his graduate work in the Colorado State Teachers College at Greely, Colorado.

He has had 21 years experience and has moved only four times in that period. Mr. Hanes is Secretary of the West Texas Teachers Association which includes 25 counties, is Rural Chairman of the 19th District of the Parent Teacher Organization, Vice President of the Tahoka Chamber of Commerce and immediate past President of the Tahoka Rotary Club.

In a subsequent issue The Hearld will print additional information regarding Mr. Hanes' qualifications and experience. The Cameron School Board expressed entire confidence in his selection. He will begin his duties here in September 1945.

Cheer Gifts for McCloskey Vets Over 1250

More than 1250 gifts have been delivered to McCloskey hospital for Christmas cheer for wounded soldiers by Mrs. F. C. Fahrendorf and another car load was taken Wednesday.

Mrs. Fahrendorf was deeply grateful to the people for this fine response to the urgent appeal for gifts. The people in the rural communities were especially responsive to the appeal.

Among the gifts were 8 large Arizona cypress trees. Mrs. Fahrendorf asked that the women be thanked for the cookies 2000 of which are now going to the hospital each week.

Mrs. Fahrendorf has closed out an extraordinary year of great work for the wounded at McCloskey and in Red Cross work. "I cannot express my gratitude and thanks," said Mrs. Fahrendorf," for what you have done overwhelms me. We received more gifts than we asked for."

Mrs. Fahrendorf said that John Prude of the Swift Theatres had given a bicycle, made into a therapy and for this she expresses especial thanks. Mr. Prude also paid for converting the bike into the therapy.

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Deer will have as their holiday guests, Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Greenless and two sons of Houston, Mr. and Mrs. Pro Deer of Ganado, and Mrs. Deer's brother and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Carl A. Hooker of Corpus Christi. They are expected to arrive Saturday.

WAR CASTING ONLY SHADOW OVER CITY

A light gleams brightly in the window of many Cameron homes tonight for it is Christmas again.

On the eve of the 1944 observance of Christmas it was easy to see that despite the war and its influence upon the homes, this will indeed be a happy Christmas.

The people generally have accepted the sacrifices laid upon them by the war; have left off buying for the very good reason that not much was available. With meager gifts the spirit more than makes up the absence of lavishness and so 1944 Christmas will be a war Christmas, the third since 1941 when our country was driven to battle.

Few homes here have escaped a contribution to the armed forces of the country. There is a Cameron boy tonight on every battlefield of the world. If he looks up from his place of sacrifice for the Star it would make all happy here if he knew the anxiety for his safety and return. The empty chair is the note of melancholy in the circle that is to know the Place at Christmas time here on the home front. We are proud, very proud, he is strong and brave.

Many in the armed forces are returning for Christmas and the uniform is lending color to the throngs who exchange greetings on the eve of Christmas.

Christmas day falls on Monday. Business houses will close and the city will be quiet. There will be gatherings among old friends and the day will be spent about as usual.

The city looks forward to the New Year with confident hope. We are heartened by victories and the continued good progress of our fighting men. The days ahead will be heavy with sacrifice but whatever the demand the people will meet it. There is much to remember from 1944. The New Year comes like an adventure and so we go forward with new hope.

Liberator Gunner

CPL. JOE BILL HEATH

Cpl. Joe Bill Heath, Army Air Corps, is a top turret gunner on a B-24 Liberator bomber and will complete his training on January 7, 1945.

Cpl. Heath is now at Corven Field, Iowa. When he entered the service he reported for duty at Mineral Wells, Camp Wolters, on December 10, 1943, and has completed his first year, making fine progress. From Wolters he went to Sheppard Field at Wichita Falls. From there he went to Truax Field, Wisconsin, and from there to Trendle Field in Florida, then to Lincoln, Nebraska. From Lincoln he reported to his present station.

Cpl. Heath graduated from Yoe High School in the summer of 1943, and lost no time getting in service, enlisting in the air corps a volunteer and was called up in December. He was a star lineman for the Yoemen.

Cpl. Heath is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Heath of Cameron. A brother, Sgt. Roy Heath has been in Italy for more than a year and prior to that took part in the invasion of North Africa and Sicily. He fights with General Clark's 5th American army and has been decorated. He expects to be home for Christmas.

Cameron Chapter of O. E. S. Will Have Christmas Party

The Cameron Chapter of O. E. S. will have it's Christmas party, Tuesday, December 26, 1944, at 8:15 in the dining rooms of the Masonic Temple.

City Looks To Future With Expansion Slate

As 1944 rapidly becomes history Cameron looked confidently to 1945 with better prospects as movements already inaugurated here summed up an ambitious program of public improvements.

Alert to future needs and against the day when materials will be available to city has well advanced plans and most encouraging was the apparent readiness of the people to go forward with a program of needed public improvements.

Outstanding during the year in which considerable progress was made was the authorization of bonds for an Air Park. Business men operating through the Chamber of Commerce have well anticipated what the future may demand of an air park and while construction work will of necessity be delayed due to lack of materials and labor it is definite now that Cameron will be on the air lines.

In this connection it is especially encouraging to note that the Civil (turn to page four)

Xmas and Friends Give Farm Couple A New Beginning

Throughout the year many kind, unselfish persons help to lighten the burdens of life for those less fortunate than themselves. But on Christmas as the spirit of the Christ Child descends upon a troubled world, these acts seem more common and those suffering from poverty and the sometimes unkind acts of fate are often given new hope through the selflessness of others.

In a snug little three-room home on ten acres near Chicago, Ill., Mr. and Mrs. John Hoogewoning, truck farmers, and two of their children were suddenly brought face to face with the deepest meaning of Christmas on that very day.

One midnight of the previous month fire swept through their former home. Their eight children sleeping upstairs were trapped. John Hoogewoning ran up over the blazing stairs but could rescue only his eldest daughter, Gerretie, 17, and youngest son, Carl, 3. The others died in the smoke and flames which reduced the home to a pile of ashes. Hoogewoning was rushed to the hospital suffering severe burns. Shortly afterwards, Mrs. Hoogewoning lost the child she was expecting in a few months—the last bitter action in a series of tragedies.

A Committee Is Established.

The Hoogewonings were not alone. They were surrounded by real Americans, who would probably have helped them at any time. But then it was the Christmas season and the spirit of giving was at its greatest intensity. A committee was established. Within a month it had collected $3,000.

On Christmas day a group of neighbors took Mr. and Mrs. Hoogewoning and their two remaining children to a new home on a ten acre plot of land. The property included a brooder house and 165 laying hens. A jolly Santa Claus presented the couple with a deed to the property and the neighbors left the Hoogewonings with the Christmas present of a new home—a new start.

That's how one group of neighbors celebrated the birth of the Prince Of Peace who said: "It is more blessed to give than receive."

The First Christmas Tree

(A Legend.)

The drooping arms of the tree are still with frost.
It is no taller than a child.
Perhaps a woodman will set it in his parlor
Or a youth shoulder it home.
Glass oranges, gay lanterns, coils of brightness
Lie in some secret box, waiting to deck it.

A polished moon
Once voyaged above a forest clasped in frost;
A man, trudging through the night's beauty,
Came to one tree no taller than a child
(Brother to this, here in our forest),
Felled it, bore it over the rug of snow,
Set it before his fire, watched melting diamonds.
His young boy
Stared while they winked and splashed upon the floor,
Blared as the branches relaxed and lifted—
"Why did you want it, father?" The man smiled.
He was a rare man, absorbed by trees and children
And bold new actions, whether great or small.
Martin Luther, his name.

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Tree in Iceland

A U. S. army nurse in Iceland places a shining star atop the Christmas tree in the nurses' recreation hut at the U. S. army hospital in Iceland. Patients had their own tree and decorations, all of which they made themselves with the aid of the nurses.

Medieval Customs

In the Middle Ages, when the use of Latin declined slightly, the rustics linked their folk songs to the church hymns of the Nativity. The villagers' mid-winter revels became entangled with the services of thanksgiving for the birth of the Savior. The Yule log, the holly, and the ivy —once heathen symbols—shared with the Babe in the manger the celebration of the sacred season.

Fights In France

PVT. SYLVESTER J. HOLCEK

Pvt. Sylvester J. Holcek, now fighting in France, was awarded the Good Conduct Medal while stationed in England.

Pvt. Holcek was inducted on June 20, 1942, at Fort San Houston and went overseas August of that year. He is now in France with the army of invasion. He is the son of Andrew Holcek of Moulton, Texas.

The award of the Medal in England was announced in a letter from Col. Ralph Loveland, commanding the Engineer Regiment to which Pvt. Holcek is attached in France. The letter was written to Joe Holcek, a brother on Rt. 2, Rosebud. The letter recites that exemplary service has been rendered by Pvt. Holcek and his conduct as a soldier has been outstanding over a period of time.

Dr. and Mrs. Klatt of Galveston visited Mr. and Mrs. Gugolz recently.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Barmore and sons from Hearne are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Gugolz of Cameron.

Coach Dick Young is Asking Relief; Will Be School Principal

Coach Dick Young at Yoe High School, has asked the board to relieve him of his coaching duties, effective with the new school year.

Mr. Young has been elected principal of the school and it was understood that the Board will gave Mr. Young the relief he asks for if possible. Mr. Young would be free to devote all his time to the duties of principal.

George Childress, President of the Board said that Mr. Young had been named principal of the High School, but the matter of a coach has not been determined.

Mr. Young, famous as a lineman for Centenary College under Homer Norton, comes by his football knowledge first hand. He has been very successful as a coach here.

Mrs. Allen Mowdy of San Marcos is visiting relatives and friends for a few days.

Mrs. Lena Thompson of Camp Hood visited friends in Cameron over the week end.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN

We are going to have with us soon a very promising young man who comes from the Land of Nowhere, but who is going to take you Somewhere. Yes, this young feller is GOING PLACES with you, in 1945.

At any rate, that is our wish for you, good friends, to whom we owe so much, and to whom we now pledge a continuation of the best possible service we know how to give.

WINFIELD'S Department Store

Receives Purple Heart

CPL. ROY A. BRADEN

Cpl. Roy A. Braden received his training at San Antonio, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo., Tacoma, Washington, Ft. Ord Calif., and Camp Pickett, Va. After going overseas he saw much combat action in North Africa, Sicily, Italy, etc. In Sicily he was one of the American combat engineers whose job it was to clear the path through the heavy German and Italian mine fields for the rest of the Army.

An AP writer with the American forces, reports he came upon Braden with a truck load of mines he had collected. Cpl. Braden was carelessly tossing the mines on the beach as if they were harmless. "We have pulled out the caps so there's nothing left in them but 11 pounds of TNT" Braden explaned.

Cpl. Braden was wounded in the Italian Theatre of War and remained in the hospital for three months. His wife, the former Miss Vera Thigpen of Cameron who now lives in Hearne received his Purple Heart which was awarded Cpl. Braden for wounds received. Cpl. Braden is the son of Mrs. M. A. Williams of San Antonio.

Cpl. Braden, hero of the fighting in the Italian campaign, grew up in Cameron. His exploits recalled a bright eyed, mischevious youngster to many here, a happy lad, like so many of them now veterans in the greatest war of all time.

TYROCH-TURNER

Clayton T. Turner, C. A. M. U. S. N. and Mrs. Bertha Tyroch were united in marriage Dec. 11, 1944, at Corpus Christi by Special Judge Paul A. Martineau at his home.

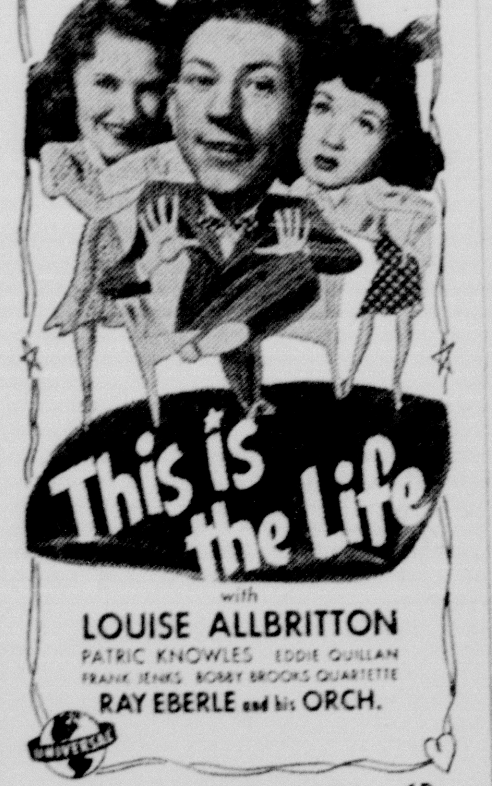
The bride wore a street length dress of white trimmed in gold with black accessories. She carried a boquet of white iris and sweet peas.

Mrs. Turner is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Max Sewinger and Chief Turner is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Turner. Both are of this city.

The couple will make their home in Corpus Christi where Chief Turner is stationed.

Augustine J. Marek, S2/C, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joe J. Marek of Buckholts, Rt. 1, has returned from service in the South Pacific for an extended visit.

DONALD O'CONNOR
SUSANNA FOSTER
PEGGY RYAN



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CAMERON THEATRE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30

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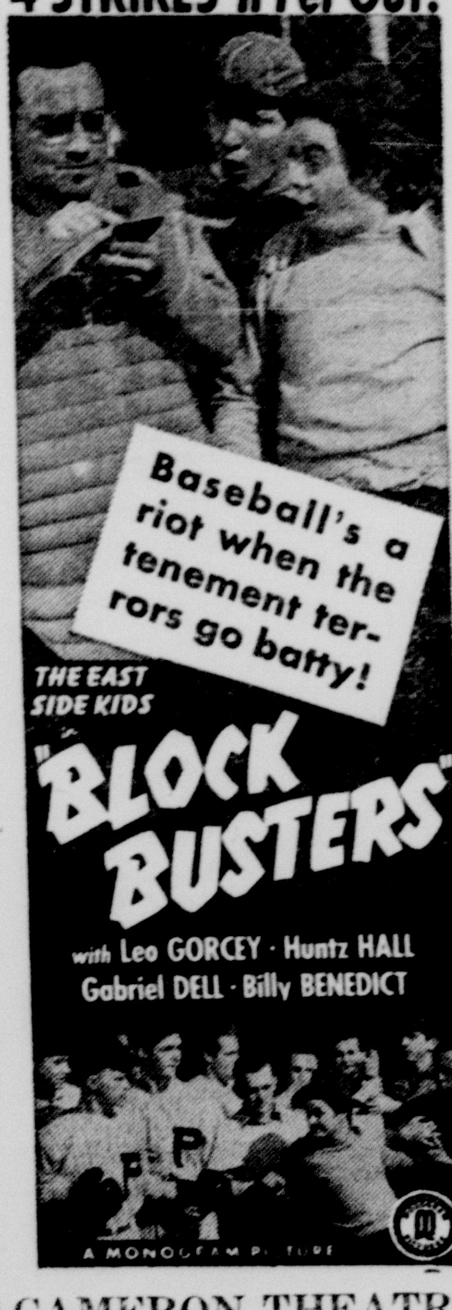


CAMERON THEATRE
WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 27

Greetings to Friends & Patrons

No man has occasion to be more thankful than I for the blessings of friends in the year 1944. At this season I wish to express to each one my sincene appreciation and to wish that you be Happy Christmas and in the New Year share in life's greatest fortunes.

As I look back over the year I have much for which to be thankful, your confidence, your good will and your patronage. For all of these go my sincere thanks and best wishes to you.

LOUIS J. RASKA

HORNED FROG SERVICE STATION
PHONE 102.

CAPT. STANFIELD STACH AWARDED SILVER STAR

The following story taken from the Rossenberg paper tells of the Silver Star award to Capt. Stanfield Stach, Cameron boy and former football great at Texas A & M where he graduated:

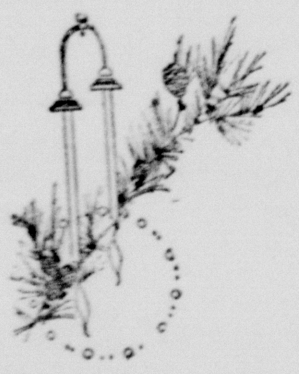
An Allied Airborne Base.—Captain Stanfield A. Stach of Rosenberg, Texas, member of a parachute Infantry regiment of the 101st Airborne Division, has been awarded the Silver Star medal for gallantry in action near Erde, Holland. On September 24 his company was ordered to clear the enemy from sand dunes controlling a vital area. The grimly-entrenched Germans, supported by mortars and tanks, offered strong resistance. To take this needed territory it was necessary for Capt. Stach to show the utmost courage in personally leading his men into hand-to-hand combat against a superior force.

Shortly after landing in Holland on September 17, the 101st had taken the large border city of Eindhoven and cleared the vital British Second Army supply road. Its final mission was to keep this road open at all costs. The enemy made repeated counter-attacks, often with greatly superior numbers, which were driven off. On September 24, near Erde, enemy forces had re-organized for a last all-out attempt to cut and hold that stretch of "Hells Highway."

Capt. Stach was ordered to lead his company in an assault to retake the lost sand dune area. Stach ordered a bayonet attack on the dug-in German positions which were supported by 50 mm motars and new-type Panther tanks. Leading his men, using first one and then another of his platoons in a checkerboard maneuver, Stach was able to drive the enemy from their positions with bayonets and hand grenades.

For his calm leadership and inspiring courage in the face of cannon and machine gun fire, Stach received the award. His successful attack enabled his battalion to later break a determined German counter-attack by 1200 parachutists against the same area.

Mrs. R. H. Adams of Cameron has returned home from the Newton Memorial Hospital.



Sincere Greetings

I count it a privilege to extend greetings to my many friends in this community on the occasion of Christmas 1944 and to wish for each one Happiness and in the New Year a bountiful measure of Good Health, Enjoyment and Prosperity.

Life's richest blessings are friends and their Good Will. During the year 1944 the inspiration of your friendship was most helpful and if the Seasons bring you the things I covet for you life will be more abundant and Happiness will be your share.

John Muse

Sincere Greetings

While the sacrifices of the people have been heavy and the shadow of war still obscures much of the happiness we might otherwise have at this season, we trust that you may be happy and in the New Year enjoy all the blessings our appreciation for you would bring.

We are deeply grateful for the patronage you gave us, for the contribution you made to our success. May all the joys of the present season be yours and the future secure for you every good thing.

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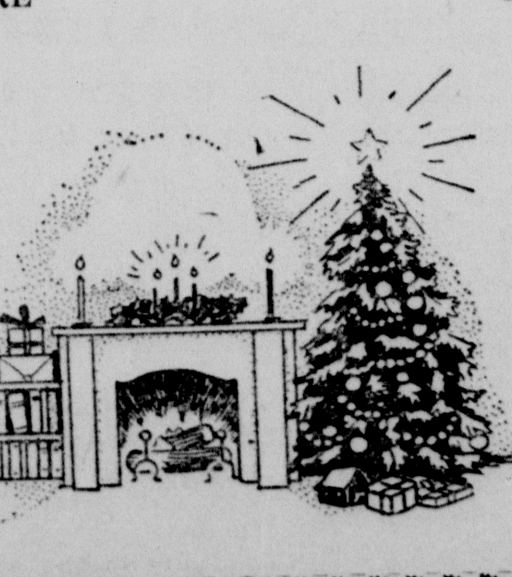

LETTERS TO

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a chemistry set, a desk and a doctor's set.
With love,
David McLane.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a locket, set of doll furniture, a typewriter and some apples and oranges.
With love,
Marie Hearne.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want some nuts, a doll and some doll clothes. I am nine years old. I am in the thrid grade.
With love,
Shirley Beth Wilson.

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Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Billy Scott I am ten. I want a football, a bicycle and some candy.
Your friend,
Billy Scott.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some boots, blue jeans and a gun. I would like a stocking of nuts, oranges and fire crackers. I am eight years old, I'll be nine April 26th. I am in the third grade. I am at school now writing this letter. I hope you will bring me and all the little children what we want.
With love,
Ervin Kruse.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a paint set. Please bring me a cowgirl suit, a nurse kit and five Uncle Wiggiy books.
Merry Christmas to you with love.
Jean Bradbury.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a baseball and bat, I want three packages of bb's, a scabbard a gun and a jacket.
Elton Coward.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old. I go to Ada Henderson School, I am in the second grade. I have tried to be a very good little girl. Would you please bring me a baby doll and some story books and some kind of a game. Some fruit, candy and nuts. Please remember all the other little boys and girls.
Your friend,
Billie Nell Johnson.

Dear Santa Claus:

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a desk and a stool, a red scarf for my head, a red rain cape, and anything else you might think I would like. Please remember all the little poor boys and girls.
Nita Nabours.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a rain coat, a chemistry set and a bicycle. I also want some nuts, apples, oranges and candy.
With love,
Charlie Ray Walston.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would please bring me a Coco Cola game kit, a sack of nuts and some Lincoln logs.
I am eight years old. My name is Donald M. Rose. I hope you don't get cold down there.
With love,
Donald M. Rose.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle, a bat and ball, and a football for Christmas. Please bring me some apples, oranges and some candy.
Your friend,
Brook Fikes.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a sewing set, a doctor's set and a bicycle. I am einght years old. I live at 125 North Fannin Street.
With love,
Mary Ida Foote.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I have two little boys, L. C. King and Oscar Kerns; that are sick and did not get to send in their lettres to Santa; so will you please leave them some toys.
Miss Randolph.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a bicycle and a doctor's set. I want some candy, nuts and fruit too.
I am in the third grame. I am 8 years old. Please write a letter to me sometime.
With love,
LaVerne Dodson.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy and would like to have a football, desk and chair for Christmas. Please don't forget the other little boys and girls.
Love,
Ernest.

P. S.—I would like to have a paint brush, and tinker toys.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I thought I'd let you know what I wanted you to bring me. I want a bracelet, some doll dresses for my doll and some fruit and candy. Don't forget my two little brothers.
With love,
Barbara Ann Simmons.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the fourth grade. I am nine years old. I wish you would bring me a piano, a bicycle, a nurse kit, nuts and fruit.
Your friends,
Norma G. Lunsford.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Iam a little girl ten years old and in the fourth grade. I want a ring a doll and I would like some fruit and nuts.
Yoru friend,
Calissa Brasher.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a doll, doll bed, and a slack suit.
Your friend,
Bobbie Sue Price.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a light, a chain guard and and kick stand. I am eight years old and I am in the third grade.
Your friend,
Bobby Gandy.

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a set of darts, a bulls eye board and a pair of boots? Please remember the other children.
Your friend,
Charles Crawford.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. I am nine years old. I am in the fourth grade. I want a pretty doll for Christmas and my little sister wants a set of dishes and a little doll. My little brother is two years old he wants a toy car and a toy airplane.
Your friend,
Bernice Hrachooy.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, a nurse kit, a ukelele, and a paint set. Don't forget the candy, fruits and nuts. Please don't forget the teachers. Merry Christman to you and Mrs. Santa Claus. ?
Your friend,
Ann Bradbury.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle, ball and bat, nuts and candy for Christmas.
Your friend,
Johnnie Barrett.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bow and arrow, a knife and scabbard or Christmas.
Your friend,
Charles Phillip Braden.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a doctor's set, a doll and a sewing set for Chritmas. I would like some candy, nuts and oranges.
I am in the third grade.
With love,
Geneva Cooter.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl in the fourth grade. I want some fruit and candy. Remember our teachers and bring them some fruit and candy too.
Your friend,
Emma Lopez.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pretty doll and a set of dishes with knives and forks too. If I get these I will be a good girl the rest of the year.
Joyce Riola.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a twenty two for Christmas. That is all I want. I hope every boy and girl has a merry Christmas. I really want to know if it is really snowing where you are. Oh! I would like a book case.
Your friend,
Ray Thompson.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a machine gun and I want a pistol and a baseball and bat.
Claude Denson Sanders.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pair of yellow mittens, a sweater the color as the mittens are a purse and a cap.
Dorothy Eixman.

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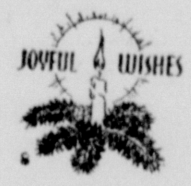

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FOLGERS—
1 lb. package each 30c
MAXWELL HOUSE—
1 lb. each 32c

Vegetables

Lettuce--
5 dozen size, 2 for 23c
Celery, bleached stalk 22c

Matches

Searchlight, Diamond or Rosebud
6 Boxes for 25c

TOMATO JUICE
Libbys, No. 2 can, 2 for 23c
20 points each

Chili

Whitson, No. 2 can each 32c

Pork & Beans

Phillips, No. 2 can, 2 for 29c

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Best Yett full qt. jar 35c
Pint jar 24c
Half pint jar 13c

BAKING POWDER
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Cake Flour

Swansdown, reg .size 28c

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Pint jar, each 29c
Quart jars 59c

Asparagus

Libby's No. 2 can 43c

Corn

Libbys, No. 2 can, 2 for 29c

Plums

HUNTS SUPREME—
2 1-2 size can, each 27c

Raisins

SEEDLESS OR PUFFED—
15oz. package, 2 for 33c

NUTS

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CITY

(continued from page one)

Aeronautics bill now pending in the House of Representatives in Washington includes an item of $750,000 for Cameron. Hopeful that the bill as finally passed will authorize this sum or a substantial part of it, plans for Cameron's air park are being expanded though the city is restricted to December 23 on the purchase option of the 100 acre site on Highway 77.

Mayor Chas. C. Smith who pledged public improvements, set up a planning board of which H. M. Hefley is chairman. This board is awaiting architect's estimates before reporting on certain public improvements long needed here. Among them a municipal building. There are other equally important inclusions.

The Planning Board will make its report early in 1945, it was believed.

Considerable importance attaches to an organized agricultural program to bring production within immediate demands and a market set up is fairly certain.

A better system of streets, lighting and a greatly expanded sanitary system to clean up the city are in the picture for the post war era here.

With the allocation of 50 million dollars in federal money to the state the county hopes to share in the post war road program. Milam county was prepared to press for a just recognition in the appropriation of these funds by the highway department.

Planning for the future has been made with due regard to the sacrifices yet to be made in the war. Nowhere is there any feeling that the city is in position to proceed at once. The war must be won and so the people generally were resigned to make any sacrifice that the future may bring.

Milam county, more or less orphaned in the allocation of government funds during recent years, presents as fine example of co-operation and sacrifice as the nation affords. During the year of 1944 the county led the nation in the 4th War Loan in oversubscription of war bonds.

Freezing Water Could Change Climate of Region

If a pond of water 45 degrees was swept by a cold wind, the surface would begin to cool. As the top water became colder, it would become heavier and start to sink, and the warmer water at the bottom of the pond would rise to take its place.

This action would continue, until the water reached a temperature of 39 degrees. From that point, as the water became colder, strangely enough it would become lighter instead of heavier. And 39 degrees is seven degrees above the freezing point.

Thus the coldest water that would sink to the bottom of the pond would be at a temperature of 39 degrees, and no matter how cold the surface water became, it would remain on top.

If the outside temperature is sufficiently cold, the surface water may drop to freezing point and below, in which event ice will form on the top. This ice covering the surface of the water acts as a sort of blanket, protecting the water below from direct contact with the outside cold Consequently it requires a long and severe cold spell to freeze the pond all the way to the bottom, and there are few habitable regions where the ice freezes more than a few feet thick.

If water froze from the bottom up, quantities of ice and icewater remaining unthawed might conceivably change the climate of a region.

Mrs. Ruth Jones and baby daughter Sharyn Marie of Rosebud have returned home from the Newton Memorial Hospital.

Mrs. Taber, Mrs Will Speckman, Mrs. Ray Sewel and Mrs. Jim Sewell of Chriesman shopped in Cameron Wednesday.

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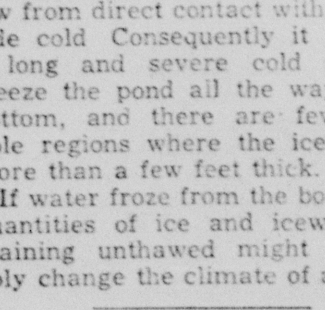

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FOUR AMERICAN ARMIES FIGHTING IN GERMANY

Four American armies are now fighting in Germany. Early Friday the army of General Patch who invaded the continent from Southern France crossed the German frontier.

Figthing was heavy all along the line with the usual advances.

The Red army was making slight gains against bitter German resistance in Hungary in the battle for the city of Budapest.

American airmen have carried out extensive attacks on Luzon in the Philippines including Clark Air Field.

B-29 bombers were over Tokyo Thursday night according to the Japs. There was no confirmation.

Jap casualties on the Philippines thus far have been 82,550 as against 10,409 for the Americans. Of the American casualties over 200 were killed.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks and deep appreciation to our many friends and neighbors for their many comforting words and deeds and to the Doctors who were so patient and understanding during our great bereavement in the loss of our dear mother, grand mother, and sister, Mrs. J. W. Bryant. Also for the beautiful floral offerings and to Green's Funeral Home of Cameron.

The Bryant Family and
Brother, G. H. Reynolds.

Hodde Restores Funds Embezzled and Gets 5 Year Suspended Term

Arthur Hodde, former manager of the Peter Company, produce house, was given a five year suspended sentence in district court here Friday morning, on charges of embezzling funds of the company.

Charges were filed here last year. In the termination of the case Hodde made restitution of funds embezzled Besides charges growing out of embezzlement here other cases were filed involving the same offense at other points where he worked with the company.

Hodde came to Cameron from Houston. He was dismissed when funds were found to be missing.

GERMANS THREATEN U S SUPPLY DOCKS

The German counter attack in Belgium against the United States army was presenting a grave threat to the entire campaign Wednesday.

The Germans have succeeded in getting many tanks, infantry and planes deep in the U. S. line.

Some American troops are trapped and some of the Germans are trapped.

The situation was better Wednesday although still grave was the way Washington expressed the view.

The Germans are trying to cut behind United States supply docks.

The Germans claim that 10,000 American prisoners have been taken and 200 tanks destroyed.

There were no official statements from Allied headquarters.

On Leyte the Japs are being driven into a small pocket. B-29 bombers were over Tokyo.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for the many kind expressions of sympathy and the beautiful floral offerings received during our bereavement at the loss of our beloved daughter and sister. May God bless you is our prayer.

The Ohlenbush Family.

City Notifies Land Owners It Is Ready To Pay For Air Park

The city government at its meeting Tuesday night authorized Roy Baskin, City Attorney, to notify land owners the city is ready to pay off on the options obtained for the air park.

The council also passed a resolution confirming the sale of bonds and the final stage has been set for the purchase of the 93 acre site on Highway 77.

Mrs. Pearl Clement has returned from a week's visit with Mrs. Parker in Austin, and her nephew, Ford Green in San Antonio.

Mr. and Mrs. Guy Carroll of Grand Prairie are visiting here.

Sharp School Faculty at Camp Hood

Here are members of the Sharp High School faculty on the occasion of the recent visit to Camp Hood by Milam teachers, a tour arranged by Chas. M. Hicks county superintendent. From left to right: First row: Mrs. Evie Shelton, Mrs. Ivy Moore, Mrs. Robbie Petty, Mrs. Patsy Nance, Mrs. Luene Gersback, Mrs. Letha Cloud. Back row: Mrs Maxine Modcette, Mrs. Sarah Shelton, T. F. Cloud Jr., superintendent; Mrs. Gertrude Green, Mrs. Dwight Hine and Mrs. Mildred Petty. The boys in front are Leonard Cloud and Frank Cloud, sons of Superintendent and Mrs. Cloud.

Duncan Coffee Heads Distribute Bonus

CHARLES W. DUNCAN

HERSCHEL M. DUNCAN

Houston—A big, enthusiastic War Bond drive preceded distribution today of the 26th consecutive Christmas bonus to Duncan Coffee employees. All plant and clerical employees received a bonus of **10 percent of their annual earnings. Approximately 400 participated.**

The rally was addressed by Lt. Paul E. Taft, USN, veteran of all Pacific and Mediterranean engagements, and former Duncan production manager. Lt. Taft in urging top subscriptions to bonds related some of his experiences and the need for greater supplies.

One of the features of the bonus was remembrance this year of Duncan employees in the armed forces. In September the sales staff set about increasing its sales during 1944 in such a manner as to raise a sum of roughly five thousand dollars for distribution to ex-employees in the service. This plan was subsequently commended by Governor Coke Stevenson to the consideration of all Texas business men.

"It is particularly nice," said Herschel and Charles Duncan, owners of the company, "that our staff never fails to remember its men in the armed forces. Each is treated as though he is away on a business trip. All are kept informed of company affairs. The bonus check this year should be a thrill to every one of them in the service not only because it will be a surprise, but also because of its size."

AGED MAN IS FOUND DEAD NEAR DETMOLD

Albert Reinert, 70, a resident of the Detmold community and believed to have resided across the line in Williamson county, was found dead Friday night and later identified by neighbors.

Sheriff Carl C. Black was called after the body was found. The belief is advanced that the aged man was struck by a car as no bruises were found to indicate he had been attacked. It was thought a car may have struck him and the shock contributed to his death.

The body was taken to Taylor.

Sgt. Elvis Lott is Home From India; To Spend Holidays Here

Sgt. Elvis Lott of Yarrellton, is home to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Lott.

Sgt. Lott wears a campaign star. He was with the 10th Air Force operating in India with Liberator B-24 bombers. Sgt. Lott was attached to operational headquarters with an important asigment. The 10th Air Force is commanded by Maj. General Davidson.

Sgt. Lott returned to the states in August and has now been assigned to new duties in the states.

W. F. Sharp of Davilla is in Cameron on business. Mr. Sharp is interested in oil development and has been in the city for several days on business. Mrs. Mary A. Sharp, his mother, is 97 years old. She was born on July 4, 1847, and came to Davilla in 1860, where her husband, Dr. Sharp was a pioneer physician.

Mrs. Kilpatrick, mother of Mrs. T. C. Tindall is seriously ill in the Cameron Hospital.

Yoemen Win From Buckholts 47 to 7

The Yoemen defeated Buckholts Thursday night in Buckholts by a score of 47 to 7 in their second basketball game of the season.

Coach Dick Young will take his team to Bryan Friday night for a game in Class AA.

The Yoemen team this year looks plenty good at this stage. A fighting club they have not lost a game and are making a strong bid for the district title.

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FARM AND RANCH Loans made through the Federal Land Bank at lowest interest rate, long term, full prepayment option, interest charged only for time money is used, quick service, low cost. All inquiries will receive immediate attention. Write or see C. W. Patterson, Sec-Treas., Taylor NFLA, Taylor, Texas, for loans on Williamson County and Milam County land south of the Little River; E. F. Lanham, Sec-Treas., Belton NFLA, Belton Texas, for loans on Bell County land and Milam County land north of the Little River. 32-8tc

NOTICE, TURKEY OWNERS
We will bloodtest turkeys all day Jan. 3rd Bring in your breeders and have them tested if you wish to do custom hatching with us. The cost is 7 cents per head. Ideal Hatchery, Cameron. 36-2tc

FOR SALE—New Geese feathers at $2 per lb. Mrs. Thomas Merka, Cameron, Rt. 4. 36-1tp

Lost—Purse containing currency and valuable papers. Return to Herald and receive reward. 36-1tc

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FOR SALE—55 acre farm all in cultivation, south of Ad Hall. For information see Miss Angelina Gelner. 35-2tp

FOR SALE—106 acres black land, 4 room house. $24.50 per acre 3 miles north of Buckholts. Annie Alley, 33E 9th St., San Angelo. 34-3tc

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OIL Field Lumber Company has opening for field salesman, yard foreman and bookkeeper. In replying advise past experience and salary expected. Address Herald office or Phone 282. 33-3tc

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OVER ALL BOND SALES NOW $1,166,435.75

Milam county was nearing the goal in over all sale of War Bonds in the 6th Loan.

Through Dec. 9, the grand total of all was $1,166,435.75. Of this amount only $60,000 was reported to be E bonds.

The quota for the county on all sales is $1,370,000. While it was confidently expected that the overall quota would be exceeded sale of E bonds was causing concern. Cameron was showing no interest in E bond sales.

CARD OF THANKS

To our friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful during the illness and death of our beloved sister, and daughter, Bertha Kamenickey, we wish to express our sincere appreciation for every act of kindness and words of comfort. To you we are deeply grateful.

Mrs. Cecile Kubish, mother.
Mrs. Joe Gerick, sister.
Mrs. Anton Kulbanek, sister.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the many kind expressions of sympathy and beautiful floral offerings received during our recent bereavement at the loss of our beloved husband and father. May God bless you is our prayer.

Mrs. J. W. Dicus.
Mrs. Marguerete Smith.

Edward Matula, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Matula left Sunday to start his duties with the U. S. Navy. He was formerly employed with the Coca-Cola Bottling Company.

Mrs. A. J. Hall of Milano visited her mother, Mrs. W. W. Whittington over the week end.

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GIFTS FOR THE LITTLE ONES!
Rattlers, Teethers, Sox, Dresses, Shirts, Caps and Sweater Sets.

BUY MORE AND MORE WAR BONDS!

Milano Teachers Inspect Camp Hood

When Milam county teachers recently visited Camp Hood, a tour arranged by County Superintendent, Chas. M. Hicks, the Milano faculty members were among the delegation. From left to right: Jack Sledge, Mrs. Lucille Bailey, Mrs. Edric Browder, Mrs. Emma McDermott, Mrs. Ima Timmons, Mrs. Oleta Wise, Mrs. Lela Pruett, Mrs. Val Wise, Mrs. Jesse Bankston, Miss Ouitah Stewart, Miss Nonnie Renfroe, Miss Ealine Witt, Mrs. Tressie Baskin and Hinton H. Pruett, Seprintendent.

This photo was made possible through he courtesy of Chas. M Hicks, County Superintendent.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SERVICES

"Christ Jesus" is the subject of the Lesson-Sermon which will be read in all Churches of Christ, Scientist, on Sunday, December 24.

The Golden Text is: "The people that walked in darkness have seen a great light: they that dwell in the land of the shadow of death, upon them hath the light shined" (Isaiah 9:2.)

Among the citations which comprise the Lesson-Sermon is the following from the Bible: "And the Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth" (John 1:14.)

The Lesson-Sermon also includes the following passage from the Christian Science textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy: "Throughout all generations both before and after the Christian era, the Christ, as the spiritual idea,—the reflection of God, —has come with some measure of power and grace to all prepared to receive Christ, Truth."

Ensign James Arthur Crowell of Gallups Island, Boston, Mass., and Cpl. Joseph E. Crowell of Fort Benning, Ga., were recent visitors of their mother Mrs. W. F. Crowell. Mrs. Crowell has three other sons in the service Two of the brothers recently met on the Mariana Islands and spent two days together. Mrs. Crowell has one son on Leyte.

A Merry Christmas to All.

DR. J. M. F. GILL BURIED IN CAMERON TUESDAY

Dr. J. M. F. Gill, pioneer physician was buried in Oak Hill Cemetery here at 2 p. m. Tuesday, December 12, 1944. Services were held from First Presbyterian church by Dr. E. B. Surasace, pastor First Presbyterian church of Abilene, assisted by Rev. John C. Solomon, pastor of the local church. The Marek-Burns Funeral Home directed arrangements.

Dr. John Minos Feemster Gill was born May 30, 1868, in Prescott, Arkansas and died in Veterans Hospital in Waco Sunday, December 10, 1944, at 7:25 p. m. He had engaged in the practice of medicine and surgery for 55 years. He was a member of the state hospital staff in Wichita Falls for the past year having been transfered there from the Rusk State Hospital Staff. He retired from the staff at Wichita Falls due to ill health in November 1944. Dr. Gill was with the Medical Corps of the army in World War 1, with the rank of Captain.

Dr. Gill was reared at Prescott, Arkansas, graduating from high school there. He later attended the Louisville school of medicine and later obtained his degree in medicine and surgery from Tulane University in New Orleans, La., in 1889. After obtaining his medical degree he returned to Prescott and engaged in practice for 18 years and there on October 11, 1893 married Miss May Terry. Two daughters were born to them, Flarence Gill, now Mrs. C. H. McCall of Pittsburg, Pa., and Pauline Gill, now Mrs. Russell D. Cunningham of Electra, Texas. The daughters and their mother were with Dr. Gill when he died Sunday.

In 1907 Dr. Gill moved to Temple and was on the staff of King Daughters Hospital. Six months later he moved to Cameron and was associated with the late Dr. Edward N. Shaw in a small sanitarium which he continued after the death of Dr. Shaw until 1915, when he was appointed physician and surgeon at the Confederate Home in Austin. In 1918 he resigned and entered the army. After the war he lived for 8 years in Burkburnett, Texas. In 1928 he returned to state service and joined the staff at Abilene State Hospital and remained there 13 years, ten of which were as assistant superintendent. In 1942 he joined the staff of the San Antonio State Hospital but became of declining health resigned in November 1943 and by request was transfered to the hospital at Wichita Falls.

Surviving with his widow and daughters are four grandsons, Lt. C. H. McCall; Pfc. John Gill McCall; Pfc. George Terry McCall; and Pfc. Russell D. Cunningham; one grand daughter, Mrs. Allen C. Yates of Ft. Worth, who was before her marriage Miss May Terry Cunningham. Two brothers also survive as follows: J. Oscar Gill of Texarkana and Percy G. Gill of Denison; one sister, Mrs. Mattie L. Smith of Los Angeles, California.

PLANS MAPPED FOR BOND GOAL IN CITY

Cameron was only $9,000 short of its E bond quota when a final check was made here Monday morning by E. C. Cole, city director for the 6th War Loan and the committee mapped plans to finish the job and go over the top.

The committee held a meeting here Monday and appealed to the people to go to the banks and buy bonds. Don't wait for the committee to call on you. These members are busy and this is a busy week, just before Christmas and Cameron can meet its quota easily if you will go and buy that extra bond, said Dan Tyson war Finance chairman for Milam county, who telephoned the Herald after totals had been checked.

Boys Breaking Class Insulators Will Be Prosecuted Here

Ernest Paschal, special officer for the Santa Fe was in Cameron late Saturday in connection with an acute problem of keeping telegraph service open through Little River bottom because boys with small callibre rifles have been breaking glass insulators.

Mr. Paschal said that 100 of the insulators were broken last week. This offense is serious at any time and during the critical war days is doubly so. Prosecutions will be instituted without delay. Parents of boys who go to the bottoms to hunt should make an immediate check to ascertain whether their sons are guilty and if so should stop this practice at once.

Mr. Paschal hopes that no arrests will be necessary but made it plain that the situation is so serious something must be done at once.

Oscar Brooks of Maysfield was a Cameron business visitor Friday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Krull of Buckholts were Cameron visitors recently.

Mrs. Berdie Keith of Gause shopped in Cameron Wednesday.

A Happy New Year to All.

MRS. J. W. BRYANT DIED FRIDAY DECEMBER 15

Mrs. J. W. Bryant died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. B. Phipps at Belmena Friday, December 15, 1944, at 8:05.,

Mrs. Bryant had been in declining health for several weeks, but had not been seriously ill but a few days.

She is survived by the following children: Three sons, C. W. Bryant, Burlington; Foncie Bryant, South Carolina, and Bentley Bryant of Ben Arnold. Five daughters, Mrs. Leo Hawkins, Cameron; Mrs. O. H. Hairston, Rt. 3, Cameron; Mrs. J. B. Phipps, Belmena; Mrs. Roy Vaughn, Rt. 2, Cameron, and Mrs. Webb Moore of Moody. She is also survived by a number of grand children.

Funeral arrangements are being made by Green Funeral Home, but are incomplete pending word from children.

Pvt. Milton Williams Writes He Appreciates Midget in the Pacific

The Cameron Herald:

Just a note to let you know how much I appreciate the little Midget. My wife sends me every copy, however I don't get them all. But even the boys who have never been in Texas argue over who gets it next. It is surprising how much news there is in so little space. Please keep it up. It helps a lot to get news from home.

Pvt. Milton Williams,
Somewhere in Pacific.

Missing In Action

SGT. GILBERT LEE HUGHES

Sgt. Gilbert Lee Hughes, 20, is missing in action since October 20th, in the fighting in Germany, his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Hughes, Sr., of Boerne, Texas.

Sgt. Hughes is a brother of Pvt. Harry Hughes who has just sailed for duty overseas. Both were reared in Cameron and attended school here.

No additional details have been received by the parents of Sgt. Hughes. His wife, the former Miss Helen Whittington, formerly of Maysfield, lives in Houston and is doing war work in a ship yard.

Mrs. Mitchell of Houston visited Mrs. Sherwood McClaren.

Mrs. B. B. Ray and Mrs. J. M. Martin of Rogers transacted business in Cameron Thursday.

NEWS BLACK OUT ON NEW GERMAN THRUST

Supreme headquarters of the Allied armes in Gemany clamped down a general news black out on the new German counter drive Tuesday and no information could be obtained.

It was said that the Germans have gained about 15 miles and have penetrated well into Belgium. Bitter fighting is going on all along the front. Patton's 9th division, a part of his third army had made new important gains but the front on which Gen. Hodges' army is bearing the brunt of the German advance was definitely discouraging.

News from the Pacific states that 742 Jap planes have been shot down in the past week.

Branchville Goes Over Big in 6th War Loan

Branchville has made a splendid contribution to the 6th War Loan, it was disclosed by War Finance Chairman, Dan Tyson.

The community had a quota of $1,500 but had subscribed $4,543.75 when tabulations were made this week. All the purchases are E bonds save $1,000.

J. W. McClenny is chairman at Branchville and has done a fine job.

County Debt Free

Salt Lake county, Utah, is not only entirely debt-free, but has postwar reserves of $500,000 invested in government bonds.

Mrs. W. W. Whittington visited with her children in Houson last week.

May All Happiness Be Yours

As you enjoy the contentment and merriment of the Yuletide, we want you to know that we will be thinking of you and of the amicable associations that have been ours during the time we have been serving this community.

It is these friendships that bind our ambitions, to be of the utmost service to all

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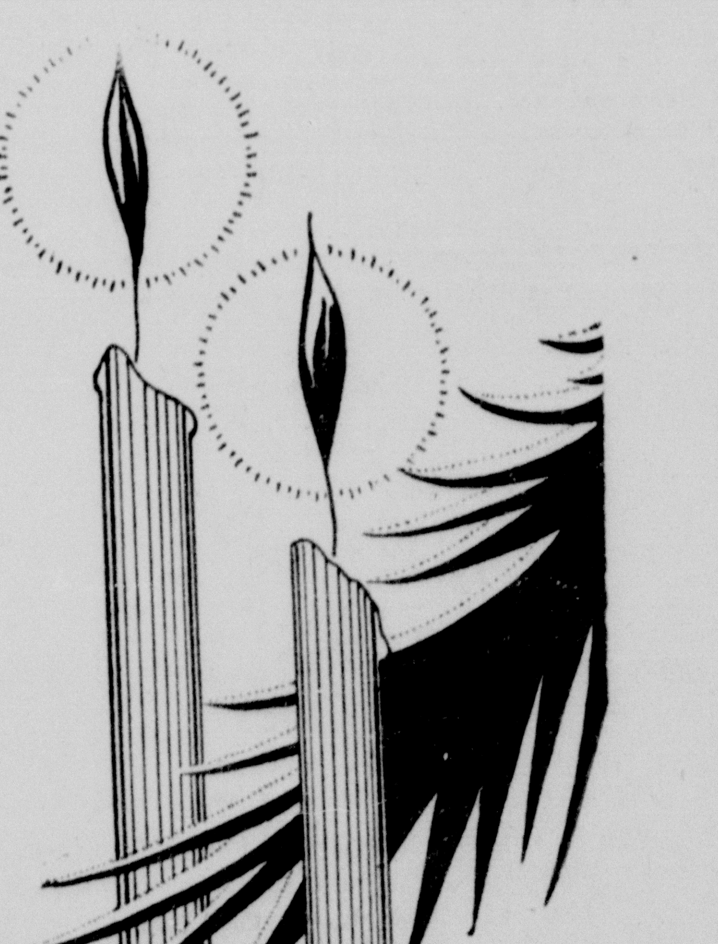

APPRECIATING to the fullest extent the cordial relations existing between us in the past, we take this opportunity to cordially wish you an old fashioned *Merry Christmas*

May the Happiness and Good Cheer which we hope is yours this Christmas never cease in the days to come, and may the New Year bring each of you the Prosperity, Health and Real Happiness you so much deserve.

BEST WISHES for the Best Day of the Year

Chamberlain's Dairy

THINKING OF YOU THIS CHRISTMAS

WE are wishing you heaps of cheer and hoping these wishes will bring you joy every day of the year.

May your voyage through the days ahead carry you over pleasant ways to a new and full contentment.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a Bible and a doctor and nurse set. Do not forget the fruit and candy or my little friends.
Four friend,
Nadine Connor.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a set of dishes. I am a little girl in the second grade. I must hurry to school.
With all my love,
Eula May Shuffield.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a football and please bring me a motor-cycle. Thank you.
Your friend,
Tommy Chamberlain.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old in the second grade. My teacher is Miss Jeter. For Christmas I would like a toy phonograph and records, a doll, and a Spellit game. Don't forget the other little children.
Your friend,
Judith Bryan.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I've been a pretty good boy. Will you please bring me a farm set, cricket set, fruit, candy and nuts.
Please remember all of the little boys and girls.
Love,
Dickie Scott.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, a table and some chairs.
Faye Holloway.

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I want some dishes, some knives, forks and spoons, a desk, telephone, blackboard and a cowboy suit.
Gloria Weems.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the first grade. I am happy Christmas is coming. Please bring me a ball, some games, candy and nuts.
Remember our soldiers.
Your friend,
Monroe Baker.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a ball and a doll. I want some fruit and candy too. Don't forget my little sister and my brothers and my mother and father.
Your friend,
Julia Robles.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the third grade. We do our work and have a good time playing. If you can, please bring me a doll buggy, croquet set, candy, nuts and fruit.
Don't forget our soldiers.
Your friend,
Agnes Mathis.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the fourth grade. I study real hard and like my lessons.
Please bring me a doll buggy, a big doll, some nuts, fruit and candy.
Remember our soldiers, they come first.
Your friend,
Twila Joy Bollinger.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the fourth grade. We do our work and have lots of fun playing. Please bring me an air gun, a cap and some candy and nuts.
Don't forget our soldiers.
Your friend,
John Gorner Smith.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the fourth grade. I work on the farm and I get all of my lessons.
Please bring me an air gun an a stocking full of nuts and candy.
Fill our soldier's boy's socks.
Your friend,
I. L. Smith.

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Dear Santa Claus:
It's not long before you will be coming and how glad I will be.
Please bring me a Lone Ranger set, candy, nuts and fruit.
Go to see our soldiers first.
Your friend,
Leland Tindall.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the second grade. We do our work and have a good time playing. If you can, please bring me a bow-gun and Lone Ranger set.
Don't forget the soldiers. They come first.
Your friend,
Joel Rex McClaren.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am so happy when I think of you coming. First I want you to go see the soldiers and sailors. My brother is a sailor.
Please bring me a doll buggy, croquet set, candy, nuts, oranges and apples.
Your friend,
Bonny Pratt.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a wagon, fruit and nuts. Don't forget the children in the other countries.
Yours truly,
Johnnie Rubac.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl seven years old and I am in the second grade. I want you to please bring me a drawing set and a doll, truck and fruit, nuts and candy.
Don't forget my grand mother and grand dad.
Your friend,
Billie Jean Lagrone.

Dear Santa Claus:
Here I'm two years old and am wanting a BB gun to shoot old "Tommy Boy." That's Gross-Mamma's big cat. I also want some dishes, a doll, and a tricycle.
Please don't forget my daddy who is over on the Admiralty Islands and can't be here with me for Christmas.
Lots of love,
Little Pat Matula.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a story book and a ball. I want some fruit and candy. Don't forget my little sister.
Your friend,
Mary Ann Pilling.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and I want a ball, some candy and fruit. I am going to school all day.
Your friend,
Lora Robles.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Santa will you please bring me a telephone and a ball for Christmas, also some fruit and candy. Please don't forget my mother, daddy and my teacher. Bring Eugene a ball.
Your friend,
Eunice Kleiber.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a helmet, wagon and a tommy gun. I want some candy and fruit. Don't forget my mother and daddy. Bring my teacher something.
Your friend,
George Burwick.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a buggy, some candy and oranges. Don't forget my teacher, my mother, daddy and brother.
Your friend,
Alice Nichols.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good boy so please bring me a pocket knife some fruit, nuts and candy.
Don't forget my mother and daddy.
Your friend,
Arthur Nichols.

MAY THE LIGHTS ON YOUR CHRISTMAS TREE BURN BRIGHTLY

And sparkle with the joy and happiness that we wish for you and yours at this glad time of the year.

It has been a pleasure to serve you in the past and we are at your service in the future. Please call on us at any time as we deem it a distinct privilege to serve in whatever manner we can. We cordially invite your continued patronage.

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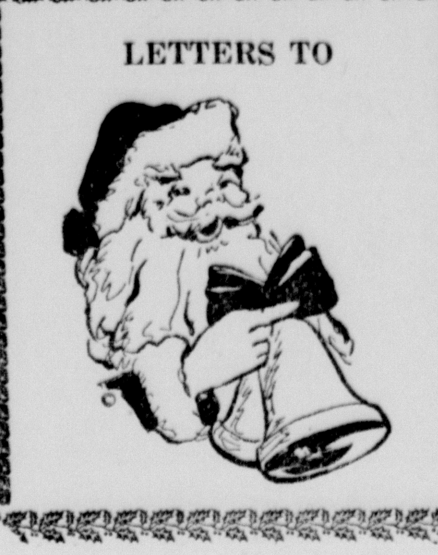

Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the second grade. I get my lessons and love school.
Please bring me a Lone Ranger set, apples and candy.
Remember our soldiers.
Love,
Alton Sanford.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pistol and a scabbard. I would like also to have some candy and nuts. I have been a good boy.
Your friend,
Johnnie Gelner.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a ball and some candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Betty Lou Kratz.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, a set of dishes some candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Bobby Jean Rubac.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a trickle, wagon and some nuts and candy. Please Santa, don't forget the poor children. Thank you.
Your friend,
Billy Gelner.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a red and blue ball. My little sister wants one too. I go to school, I am in the second grade. I want a pretty story book and my little sister wants some fruit, nuts and candy. Don't forget my teacher, my mother and daddy.
Your friend,
Joyce Hertenberger.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle, a pocket knife, some fruit, candy and nuts. I would like a pencil and tablet. Don't forget my sister and brothers.
Your friend,
Henry Hubnik.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and a set of dishes some fruit, nuts and candy. I am a little girl just five years old.
Your friend,
Carolyn Horelica.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a little jeep and a football. I want some fruit and candy. I have one cousin who is overeas. I want you to be sure and remember him. Don't forget my mother, daddy and teacher.
Yoru friend,
Joe Lee Vybiral.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football and an airplane. Please bring me some fruit and candy. Don't forget my little sister.
Your friend,
Richard T. Masek.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a toy train and a wagon, a basket ball some fruit and nuts. Santa, I want you to remember my two little brothers, my mother and daddy.
Please remember all the soldiers who are away from home.
Your friend,
Denson Rubac.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like some dishes, a table and chairs. Some candy, nuts and fruit. Don't forget my mother and my teacher. Don't forget my brother overseas.
Your friend,
Fayrene Fikes.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want an airplane and some candy and fruit. I would like a little jeep and tommy gun. Don't forget my uncle who is overseas.
Your friend,
Franklin Kraatz.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a gun and a football. Please bring me some candy and fruit. Don't forget my mother, daddy and my teacher, also my two little brothers which want a truck.
Your friend,
Marvin Rubac.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bat and ball. I want a color book, a cut out book, a bicycle, some fruit, candy, nuts and gum.
Your friend,
Anita Walzel.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, some dishes, a telephone, some colors and I want you to bring me some fruit and candy. Don't forget my little sister she wants a doll.
Your friend,
Edna Vybiral.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tommy gun, an airplane, a wagon, and fill my stocking with fruit. Please Santa don't forget my mother and daddy. Remember my teacher and please remember all the soldier boys and sailors who are away from home.
Your friend,
Bobby Hugh Powell.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I have been a good girl and I want you to bring me a box of colors, a pencil or two, a tablet, some dresses and cloth for dresses, some nuts, fruit and candy.
Your friend,
Shirley Lewis.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a pocket knife, a gun, pencil and a table. Don't forget my little sister and my two brothers.
Your friend,
Louis Hubnik.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am eight years old. I am in the third grade. Please bring me a bicycle, a doll house with furniture, a Judy De Lux farm set, and a dresser and stool for my room.
With love,
Nancy Jane Lawrence.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the third grade at school. I want a bat so I can play base ball. I would also like a pocket knife some fruit and candy. Don't forget my brother who is in the army.
Your friend,
James Angell.
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Dear Santa Claus:
It will soon be Christmas so I am writing you a letter to tell you what I want for Christmas. I want some candy, oranges, apples and nuts, also a doll, a color book, a story book and bring my mother and daddy something.
Your friend,
Mary Lou Fremel.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll, a pair of house shoes, a tablet, some pencils, a color book and a box of colors. Don't forget my mother and my father and my brothers.
I also want some candy, nuts, apples and oranges.
Your friend,
Betty Jane Janes.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I go to school. I am in the third grade. I would like for you to bring me a football some candy and fruit.
Don't forget my uncles who are in the army.
Your Friend,
Jesse Horelica.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the econd grade. Please bring me a doll and water colors. I have a little brother, he wants a ball, candy and nuts.
Remember our soldiers.
Your friend,
Mary Frances Kennon.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tea set, a baking set and a doll. Please bring me some nuts and candy.
I am in the third grade and am 8 years old.
With love,
Gloria Ann Raymond.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a bicycle, a ball, a doctor's set and a sewing set. I want some candy, applies, oranges and nuts
I am nine and in the third grade.
With love,
Barbara Gray.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, tennis ball and a pencil box. Also bring me some oranges, nuts and apples.
I am in the third grade and I am eight years old.
With love,
Myrtle Springer.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am eight years old and I go to school.
Please bring me a doctor's set, a desk, a football and some nuts, apples and oranges.
Your friend,
Roger Lee Shuemate.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a play wagon, a big box of candy and nuts. Please bring me an air gun, some books to read and a pocket knife.
Please remember my uncles who are in the army.
Your friend,
Billy Kamenicky.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a ball, a bat, some candy and apples and oranges.
Your friend,
Ruben Cass.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a paint set, a desk, a gun and a scabbard, and some nuts and some candy.
I am in the third grade and am 8 years old.
With love,
Johnny Green.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doctor's set, a pair of jeans and a checked shirt. I would like some nuts and candy.
With love,
Joy Hill.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a light for my bicycle, a chemistry set and a football.
With love,
James Posey.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doctor's set, a baking set and a ring. I am 8 years old and I am in the third grade.
With love,
Rose Marie Komar.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle, a football and candy.
Yoru friend,
Charles Shuffield.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a ball and some nuts. I would like to have a bicycle too. I am ten years old and in the third grade.
With love,
Evelyn Seeton.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a new bicycle and some chocolate candy. My house number is 313 Howell Street. Goodbye.
Your friend,
Alton R. Weems.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a tinker toy set, some puzzles and some candy and an apple pie.
With love,
Kenneth Cryer.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a desk, a doctor's set and a story book. Please bring me some nuts and some candy. Iam eight years old. My brithday is in April.
Your friend,
Barbara Jean Aigner.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring be a paint set. I would like two books, Little Elephant's, Christmas and Tom Sawyer. Please bring me some candy and nuts. I am eight years old and in the third grade. My house number is 1105 N. Jackson.
With love,
Dick Jenness.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a BB gun, a war bond, a bicycle, a saddle and bridle and I want a real horse.
With love,
Charles Eanes.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a football, an air gun, a chemistry set, and nuts and candy.
Your friend,
Drayton McLane.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a tennis ball and a pencil set. Also bring me some nuts, apples and oranges.
With love,
Joyce Ann Pate.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a target gun, a saddle and bridle. Last of all I want a rod and reel and in my stocking. I want some nuts.
With love,
G. Childress.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me some fruit, nuts and some candy. I am a little girl 8 years old.
Your friend,
Becky Gohmert.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl going to school. I am in the fourth grade. I want a doll, a pencil box and a binjo set. Remember my little sister and brother.
Your old friend,
Verna Fay Sommer.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy ten years old and I am a good boy. I would like to have a bow and arrow and a horn for my bicycle.
Your friend,
Alvin Eicholz.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy in the fourth grade and I made the honor roll yesterday. I want a football for Christmas and soms candy and nuts.
Your friend,
Robert Lee Biskup.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Billie Dean Collier. My daddy works in the Houston shipyard. I am ten years old and in the fourth grade.
I want a chemistry set and a model airplane for Christmas.
Your friend,
Billy Jean Collier.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you come down my chimney. I do not want much. I want a girl's bicycle, a piano and a watch. I will have a big cake for you.
Your friend,
Dorothy Lee Sebesta.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a doll and a dress, a set of dishes and a fountain pen. I would like some nuts and candy.
Your friend,
Rosie Cotten.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy ten years old. I am in the fourth grade. Will you bring me a ball and a bat, a wagon and a clay set? We will have our stockings hung up for you. Bring my brother and sisters something too.
Yoru friend,
Jimmy Price.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bat and ball, a coloring book and some crayons, a holster and a gun to go with it. Last Christmas I was in Arkansas. I got a machine gun, apples, oranges and a tinker toy set. I also want a blackboard.
Your friend,
John Wayne Clark.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a glove for the right hand and hard ball for Christmas. I would like to have a fountain pen. My sister wants a doll, some doll clothes, apples and oranges. I live in Branchville. My brother is in the eight grade and wants a football.
Love,
Richard Luther Wilkinson.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl three years old. I want a big doll and lots of candy. Most of all I want my daddy, please bring them to my Grandma's house, we don't have a house since daddy went to war. Bring mommy something too. If you can't bring me my daddy, please don't forget to take him something.
I love you Santa.
Patricia Ann Rhea.

A Merry Christmas to All.

Dear Santa Claus:
My name is Mary Alice. I would like to have a pair of steel knitting needles and a rain coat and rubbers. Bring my little brother and me some candy, apples and oranges for Christmas.
Your friend,
Mary Alice Neeley.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me an electric stove, and an ice box. It doesn't matter if you are a little late I asked for some sugar last year when I looked in my stocking it was empty, not even a hole in the toe, I was ready to cry when I thought maybe this isn't Christmas at all. If the New Deal can change Thanksgiving why not Christmas? Sure enough about 4th of July I opened the mail and out poped sugar stamps. But Santa dear please get the presents to our boys overseas on time they might not understand.
Mrs. E. H. Ross.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl in the fifth grade. I am ten years old. I want a big doll with glass eyes that open and close, a doctor's set, a locket and some fruit.
Please don't forget my brother and two sisters.
Thanks,
Doris Jean Partee.
* * * * *

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a doll, a bicycle and some candy and nuts and please don't forget the poor children and the soldiers overseas.
Your friend,
Vlasta Muzny.

A Merry Christmas to All.

★ Freedom of Opportunity is an American heritage. It was this, more than all else, that made America great.

We hope that 1945 will offer each of you more abundant means of turning "the American way" to better account—that each day will bring you more and richer blessings.

Jesse Brock
Agent
For Magnolia
Petroleum Co.

JANUARY is the open gate of the year. All around the landscape is dreary and the winds whistle bleakly.

But there's plenty of cheer indoors. A jolly young guest is due to arrive on New Year's Eve, and we're going to give him a royal welcome.

HAPPY NEW YEAR, EVERYBODY!

And loads of good luck to you in 1945.

FIDELITY
Abstract Co.

We All Send
New Year Greetings

All of our best wishes and all of our best efforts will be with you in the New Year as they were in the old. You can count upon us to do our utmost to deserve your continued confidence during 1945.

Lula Coward
BEAUTY SHOP
PHONE 124

Sincere Greetings

At this season we are thinking of friends, tried and true who have meant so much to us during 1944. We could not wish you less than a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and we would have you receiving more if we had our wish.

In the New Year we want you to continue your patronage and we will do all in our power to serve you better.

Hilltop Tavern

COTTON BRYAN, Proprietor. CAMERON

Presenting Your Holliday Motion Picture Entertainment

THE CAMERON THEATRE

CAMERON THEATRF
December 24 & 25

It was a privilege to entertain you in 1944 and we are looking forward to 1945 with plans as usual to serve you with the best that the screen has to offer. In counting the blessings of the year we want you to know we have placed your good will high upon the list of things good that came our way.

Cameron Theatre and Milam Theatre wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year and invite your attention to the Holiday Pictures we have booked for you.

THE Cowboy AND the Lady

The MILAM
Dec. 24

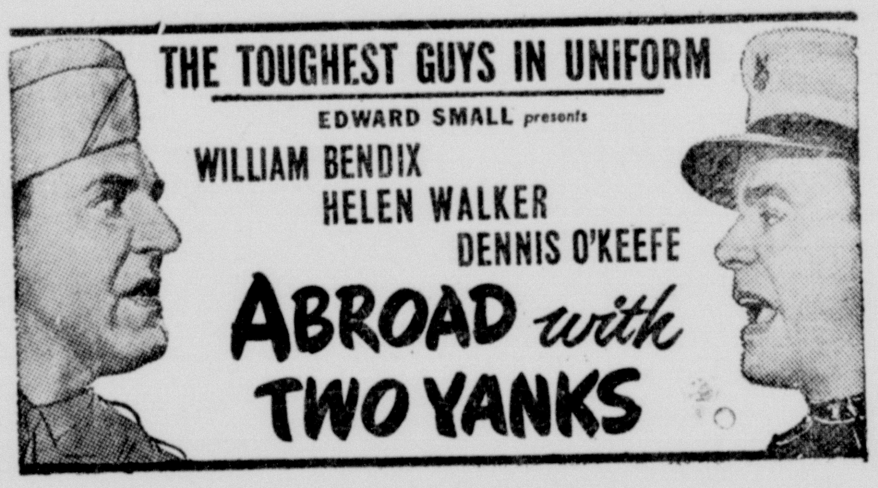
GREER GARSON
WALTER PIDGEON
MRS. PARKINGTON
with
Edw. ARNOLD · Agnes MOOREHEAD
Cecil KELLAWAY

The CAMERON
SUNDAY and MONDAY
DEC. 31 & JAN. 1st

DONALD O'CONNOR
SUSANNA FOSTER
PEGGY RYAN

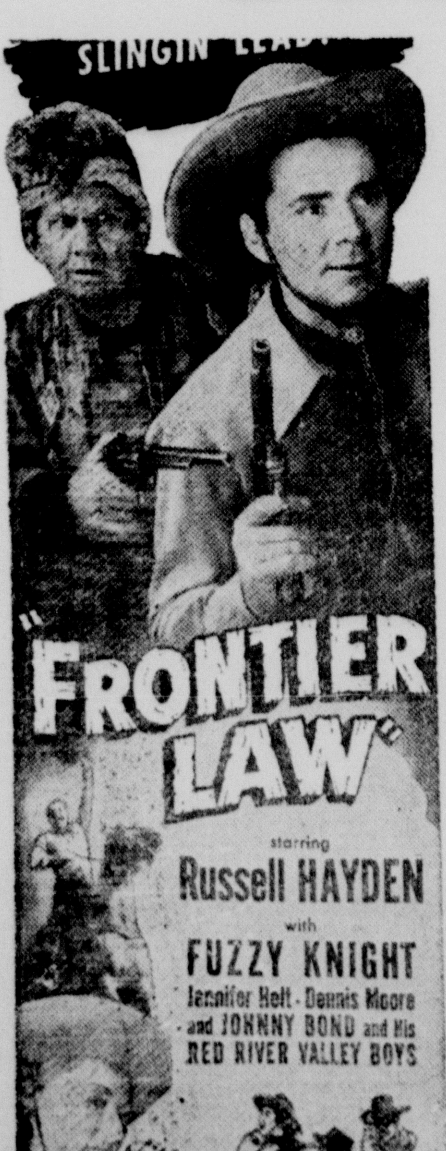
with
LOUISE ALLBRITTON
PATRIC KNOWLES EDDIE QUILLAN
FRANK JENKS BOBBY BROOKS QUARTETTE
RAY EBERLE and his ORCH.

CAMERON THEATRE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 30



CAMERON Theatre
DECEMBER 28 and 29

THE MILAM THEATRE



MILAM THEATRE
DECEMBER 22 AND 23

The MILAM
SUNDAY DEC. 31
"SON OF DRACULA"
LON CHANEY

CAMERON THEATRE
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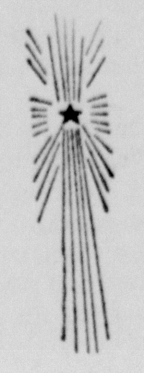

CHRISTMAS

By J. B. WHITE, Editor and Publisher

Reverence for Courage and Sacrifice finds expression out of the Heart of a grateful nation whose sons fight for the Liberty of all Peoples throughout the Earth.

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I am thinking now of those in distant places. Some near the birthplace of Revelation; some in Tropics long ruled by Pagans; some in the circle of the Northern Lights; others looking for the Star from their place on forgotten Islands; some in flight across a starlit sky with brave wings in the Heavens that throbbed with music as Shepherds below were plodding the Desert Sands. Then there are those whose memory we enshrine.

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If Christmas does nothing more than turn the wistful eyes and hearts of men from mad pursuits today, wherever Destiny finds them, plodding along the Camel Roads where the Wise Men rode that night when the Desert Star pointed the way to the Manger of Humility; on the Prairie or in Ships at Sea; in War's halocust that robs them of sanity; in Regions of Silence where the treasure of Eloquence is garnered; in the crowded places where the savagery of industrial conquest blinds them to the store house of Good Will from which we draw Life's greatest riches—it has forever made plain the way out to Romantic, if Portentous Adventure.

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If Life be a Journey then Christmas is the Road to Discovery. Its course leads to many stations and the most hopeful is Christmas. The Spirit descends upon us to save us from ourselves.

The arresting simplicity of Christmas when all Men are become as Happy Children with the delight of laughter, through every age in which we have worshiped the Birth of Revelation, is the Miracle by which we recapture Imagination and Belief. It is the flowering anew of Childhood's simple Faith and the radiance of Innocence covers the Earth.

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If within us we have nutured greed and become selfish; if disappointments have made our hearts heavy and too much work and worry have dulled the mentality, or if our ego, prompted by our yearnings, destroys our concern for others, it is but the instant of Time under the light of that Star which is Hope, that leads every man to the Cradle of his better self, so that faith in our kind is rekindled.

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Somewhere in the Heavens tonight a Star is shining brightly, renewing at Christmas, be it allegory or circumstance, the urge to follow as did the Wise Men who came out of strange lands beyond the Jordan. The grandeur of Heavens bursting with Melody fits well into the picture of the Legend, for after all what could express more forceful the Happiness of such Discovery.

In the Miracle of Christmas Eve we may envision that wonder too, for the mystery and hopeful beauty of life is encompassed in a Manger and throbs like Music in the innocent eyes of a Baby.

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It is a time when all men find it sweet to abjure hearts hardened by the ill Philosophy of false Pagentry. Proud possessors of great wealth whom life has taught the wisdom of the grasping hand are today the gift bearers, bringing the fankincense and myrrh of fealty and laying them at the foot of the manger. It is a time when men of small import surge up with eager hearts to equal the Mightly of the Earth. The democracy of common Faith operates again. In the face of Happy Children we see with such re-assurance the beam of Hope, we know that come what may in the New Year when weary months stagnate our journey toward another Christmas, we shall come again remembering to the Cradle.

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Human frailty will lay by much in store as it values the material. Life is an obstacle and has dissolutionments that are often too grievous to bear. Somewhere in the economy of the Great Philosophy is the Scepter of great Magic, the Lamp of Aladdin, a Christmas potent as a Benediction. Smart sneer nor the arrogance of intellectual deception, have not been able to rob the World of the Majestic Moment of Star Light in the calm desert. Humanity's consolation is secure in the light of that Star which is Hope. Christmas lives because its message is "Peace on Earth, Good Will toward Men."

FINAL APPEAL IS MADE IN 6TH WAR LOAN DRIVE

Dan Tyson, war finance chairman for Milam county, today issued the following final appeal to the people to buy bonds and to oversubscribe the county's quota and at the same time called attention to the failure of Cameron thus far to buy anything like a substantial portion of its expected total:

"As Chairman of Milam County for the Sixth War Bond Drive, I am making this final appeal to the citizens of Cameron and Milam county to sacrifice just a few hours from now through Wednesday, December 20th and throw themselves into the Sixth War Bond Drive and meet our assigned quota of $1,370,000.

"The sale of E bonds is far below our quota, particularly in the city of Cameron. The drive is open to everybody. Make all personal contacts and solicitations possible. Sign your friends up for at least one $25 bond. See that they get the bonds. It's an old appeal but gets better day by day. Don't just think about it—actually give an E bond instead of a luxury for a Christmas gift. No finer gift, no gift with deeper meaning could find its way into the Christmas morn stocking.

"LISTEN: Just last Saturday Six Million Dollars worth of bonds were purchased by our fighting men and was allocated to Texas in its quota. Fighting men, wounded war veterans, men who have paid their way in this war with blood cannot quite understand why War Bonds have to be sold to the people.

"They do the fighting and pay for it too" commented Nathan Adams, State Chairman of Dallas. "This is the greatest stimulus a country could receive for this drive. This gesture should encourage counties to match, or even double and triple the purchases alloted to it from sales made to fighting men."

"In the name of our boys who are now fighting and dying at this very moment, and for those who have already fallen and are now sleeping in an unknown and an unmarked grave on all of the battle fields let us unite as free Americans and BUY BONDS AND MORE BONDS. SAVE TO SAVE AMERICA."

"If a committee has not called and solicited your subscription then please call at your bank and other issuing agencies and buy you bonds. Don't wait.

"It was my desire at the beginning of this drive to visit in person each committee chairman in all sections of the county and all others connected with the 6th War Loan drive, but because of illness I have been unable to do so. I regret this very much.

"I have the utmost confidence and faith in the people of my home county and feel that we are going to cooperate in every way to bring this drive to a successful conclusion. Several towns and districts have gone over the top.

"When the total sales have been recorded and final audit made I am sure that we all can say: "Fight on soldiers, we have not forgotten."

"The success of the 6th War Loan is the responsibility of every American. It is our sacred obligation. What about it?"

Mrs. George Mayo Newton and two children, George Mayo, Jr., and Sandrya of Galveston are visiting Mrs. W. R. Newton, Sr., and other relatives and friends in Cameron. Mrs Newton and her children are on their way to Fort Worth to make their home while her husband, George Mayo is serving with the U. S. Marines.

Fertilize the Lawn

Most lawns show a striking improvement when adequately fertilized and properly cut. The fertilizer stimulates the grass at the expense of weeds.

Stake Tomatoes

Victory gardeners with small plots would do well to consider staking and pruning their tomato plants in order to conserve space and increase yield.

A Happy New Year to All.

PUBLISHER'S NOTICE

During the Holidays many readers wish to renew their subscriptions. Under present conditions, all who wish to read The Herald through 1945 should renew at once as an increase in subscription price may be necessary under war conditions.

In order that rural readers may know in advance this notice is given. Also it is important to note that the Herald offices will be closed on Saturday December 23rd and we will not be able under those circumstances to accommodate those who wish to renew.

The Herald

Greetings of the Season

In expressing sincere appreciation to the people of Milam county and to wish for each one a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I want each one to know how highly I prize your confidence. Because of the shadow of war which has fallen across the homes of our land, we cannot fully enjoy the blessings of the Season. My sincere hope is that in the New Year Peace may come and those near and dear to you be restored to your home.

JEFF T. KEMP

COUNTY JUDGE, MILAM COUNTY

Sincere Greetings

Your confidence expressed in my election to the office of District Clerk in 1944, gives me cause for deep gratitude. It is a privilege to send Greetings to all and to wish for each one of you, the people of Milam county, a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Grady Allen

DISTRICT CLERK, ELECT, MILAM COUNTY

GIFTS For Christmas

Box Stationery	35c to $1.75
Fountain Pens	$1.25 to $2.75
Gift Toliet Soap, per box	50c to $1.50
Men's Shaving Sets	$1.00 to $3.00
Amity Bill Folds	$1.00 to $10.00
Perfume	60c to $10.00
Also Children's Novelty Soap	60c to 75c

PERFUME SETS—Coty, Evening in Paris, Yanky Clover, Non Chalant, Valse de Fleurs.

Nylon Hair Brush Sets and many other items.

DUSEK PHARMACY

PHONE NO. 2. "WE HAVE IT"

2766 CASUALTIES FOR THIS AREA REPORTED

S. E. Brogdon, Salvage Chairman for Milam county under War Production Board, is responsible for some interesting information on the number of casualties suffered by men in service in the War area.

According to Mr. Brogdon 703 are dead, 460 missing, 1175 wounded and 428 are prosoners of war. In releasing this information Mr. Brogdon took occasion to make an appeal for waste paper salvage.

"Texans are doing the finest patriotic shooting job of this war," said Mr. Brogdon, "If the house wives won't save all the waste paper, collect rags and turn in used fats to the meat dealers, and if the men won't use their energy, ingenunity, yes, money if need be, to move this paper, rags and fats into the war effort, it is no secret our casualty lists will increase for the lack of supplies.

"And if our lines sag and break
Because of things you failed to make;
That extra tank, that ship, that plane
For which we waited all in vain,
Will you then come to take the blame?
For we, not, you must pay the cost,
Of battles you, not we, have lost."

"Let's think in terms of salvage. A clear conscience is better than the best alibi. An alibi is a shout of 'no' to GI's plea for help. This work is fighting on the home front."

Mr. and Mrs. Colin J. Jones are announcing the arrival of a daughter born at the Newton Memorial Hospital Sunday, December 10, 1944. She weighed 8 pounds and 4 onces, and has been named Sharon Marie. Mrs. Jones is from Rosebud and her husband is overseas.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry woods of Milano were business visitor Wednesday.

Bomber Springs

When a four-motor bomber goes into action it relies on more than 1,000 steel springs built into its fuselage, engines and armament.

Brazil's Iron Deposit

Brazil's new iron deposit has been estimated at 15 billion tons, or 22 per cent of the world's estimated iron reserves.

Killing Weeds by Fire

A new weed killer, which jets the flame against the weed, has been piaced on the market. It leaves the weed to form a light mulch for the soil.

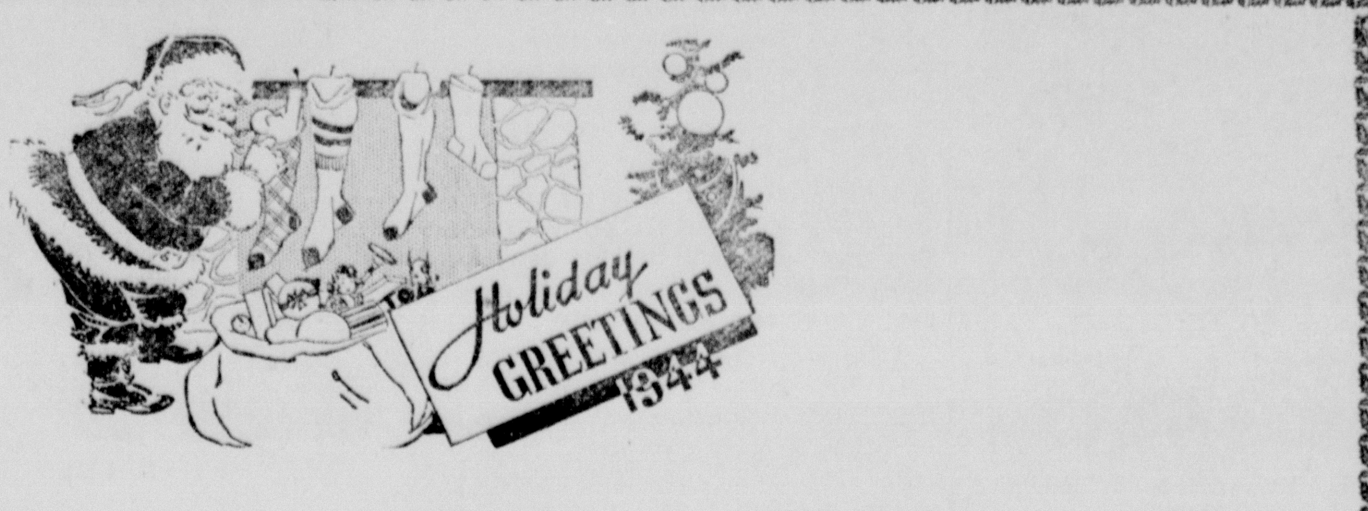
Cultivators Available

The War Production board has lifted all restrictions on purchase of hand sprayers and dusters and wheel-type hand cultivators, to enable gardeners to get them easily.

Joe Ann Michalka little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Michalka has returned home from the Newton Memorial Hospital where she has been ill.

Use Lively Suds

"Tired suds" make tired women. Never waste soap, but always use just enough to keep suds lively so they can cleanse without undue aid of "elbow grease."



The WHITE KITCHEN

BEN THWEATT, Prop.

GOOD CHEER! There's nothing quite like it. And good cheer is an affair of the heart. It cannot be withheld and hoarded to gain added value with the days or years. Good cheer must be *spent!*

Let us all radiate good cheer this Christmas of 1944, for there are reasons enough for good cheer if we but pause to reflect.

Merry Christmas greetings from all of us to all of you.

HUMBLE

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Washing, Greasing, Flats
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Cold Drinks and Candy

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Owner and Operator

PHONE 770

CHARLES K. FELDMAN presents
The Story of the Stars Who —

Follow the Boys

a Universal Picture

starring
GEORGE RAFT
VERA ZORINA
Guest stars
JEANETTE MacDONALD
ORSON WELLES
MARLENE DIETRICH
DINAH SHORE
DONALD O'CONNOR
PEGGY RYAN
W. C. FIELDS
The ANDREWS SISTERS
ARTUR RUBINSTEIN
CARMEN AMAYA
TED LEWIS, FREDDIE SLACK, CHARLIE SPIVAK, LOUIS JORDAN and their Orchestras
with Sophie Tucker, Delta Rhythm Boys, Gautier's Bricklayers, Grace McDonald, Charley Grapewin, Elizabeth Patterson, Charles Butterworth, Martha O'Driscoll, Maxie Rosenbloom, Regis Toomey

CAMERON THEATRE
DECEMBER 21 AND 22

Merry Christmas!

While ageless Christmas carols fill the air this thought comes to mind. We would like to share with you our Yuletide happiness, and to feel that in this year of grace, 1944, Christmas will mean more to you than it has meant for many years past.

And A Happy New Year, Too

BRAZOS VALLEY COTTON GROWERS ASSOCIATION

J. E. FLINN, Manager

Best Wishes for the NEW YEAR

Hope for Tomorrow

Whatever the past year may have brought, we all look forward hopefully to 1945 as a harbinger of better days to come.

It is our hope, too, that in the New Year we will be more than neighbors . . . that we will become *better* neighbors.

Season's greetings to one and all.

E. I. PECK

ELECTRICIAK

What Helps Agriculture Helps All of Us!

John Holmes, President Swift & Company

This page is printed here as a service to all farmers and ranchers of America. Together with you producers, we have a big job to do in the business of feeding this nation of ours *well.*

A short time ago I was talking about improved methods with a farmer. He said, "The way I look at it is this —*what helps agriculture helps all of us.*"

That is it in a nutshell. What helps agriculture *does* help all of us—producer, meat packer and processor, retailer and consumer. So the purpose of this page is to tell in a few words and many pictures about all manner of things that do help agriculture. We hope that by searching out news items, telling of new trends, big or little, reviewing findings of agricultural experiment stations, by recounting the experiences of successful individuals, and in many other ways, we can render a worthwhile service to all who produce our nation's food.

The Editor will be F. M. Simpson, who is already well known to many of you as Manager of our Agricultural Research Department. He will welcome your suggestions and original ideas. Mr. Simpson is the Editor—but it is your page. Please help us make it a useful one.

A Merry Christmas to you all!

John Holmes

President, Swift & Company

"Sorry if I disappoint some home folks this Christmas. But I've got a date with the Service men and women. I mustn't be too little or too late!"

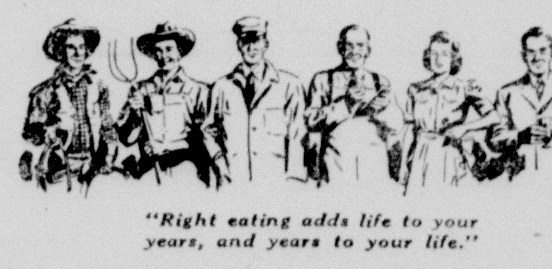
CANVAS COATS FOR SHEEP PAY OFF

Range lambs grazing in mountains and valleys, fashionably dressed in ducky little white duck coats sounds more like a pipe dream than a practical possibility for sheep growers. However, in an experiment at the University of Wyoming, coats of 15-ounce canvas were tailored to fit half of a flock of 684 range sheep. The fleeces were carefully compared at shearing time and the "coats" proved their worth in a big way . . . more clean wool per fleece; 6.8 per cent less shrinkage; 13.5 per cent less dirt content; and the staple was *a full half-inch longer* than on the sheep that wore no coats.

This adds up to extra wool profit no matter how you look at it. In addition, the coats protect the sheep from cold weather, wet, sand, dirt, burrs, stickers, and reduce death losses and feed consumption. Wool from the coat-wearing sheep compared favorably with the best white Australian wool.

For further information, write R. H. Burns, University of Wyoming, Laramie, Wyo.

Nutrition Is Our Business—and Yours!



"Right eating adds life to your years, and years to your life."

These six Americans are united in the job of seeing that 132,000,000 fellow Americans get enough of the right kinds of food to eat. The rancher, farmer, meat packer, retailer, housewife and scientist, each has a part in the preparation and distribution of meats and other foods.

Feeders of livestock know that diet has a lot to do with the health of their animals. It is the same with human beings. There is a great deal of research being conducted at the present time in our universities to find out more about the relationship between diet and *human* health, and Swift & Company gives many grants to aid this kind of research.

Not so many years ago a lot of people said meat was hard to digest; that children should never be given pork, etc. Nutritionists have proved that pork is one of the most digestible of all meats, rich in Vitamin B1. These and many other basic truths about meats and other foods have been established by the work of nutritionists. You can readily see why such discoveries help the sale of meat and of livestock. That is why we say—"Nutrition is our business—and yours."

SOFT CORN FATTENS LIVESTOCK

by I. B. Johnson, Director Agricultural Experiment Station, South Dakota State College

I. B. Johnson

If you are caught with "soft" corn, due to a sudden freeze before your corn matures—remember you still have feed. It makes a good fattening feed for steers, calves, feeder pigs, and lambs.

These were the conclusions of the South Dakota Experiment Station, based upon the first year's feeding trials, wherein cattle, hogs and lambs fed soft corn were compared with others fed sound corn of No. 3 market grade. The soft corn was bought at 50 cents a hundredweight—the No. 3 corn at 75 cents a bushel.

No preparation was given to this soft corn. It was stored in uncovered piles on the ground, and fed field run—soft, moldy, rotten, husk-covered ears just as they came.

Yearling steers were fed for 150 days, calves 195 days, pigs from 87 to 118 days, lambs 90 days.

In ALL cases the return was greater from the lots receiving the soft corn, due to the price at which the corn was purchased.

The gains of both cattle and pigs on soft corn, compared to those on hard corn, were reduced after the beginning of warmer weather in April. It is advisable to feed your soft corn early.

In figures, the soft corn had the following approximate values when compared with the price of No. 3 ear corn in the rations fed:

84% when fed to yearling steers
80% when fed to steer calves
76% when fed to feeder pigs
71% when fed to feeder lambs

If you want additional information, write the Animal Husbandry Department, South Dakota State College, Brookings, South Dakota

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(The views expressed in this article are those of the author.)

Martha Logan's BEEF POT ROAST

A beef chuck, rump or round, provides the roast, accompanied by browned onions and carrots. Roll the beef well in flour, then brown in hot fat in a heavy kettle. Add water, cover tightly and cook slowly for two hours, or until tender. Add peeled potatoes, onions and carrots, and cook for one hour.

Does lots of wool on the face and legs of a sheep and a wrinkled skin help to make a more valuable fleece? No, says the U. S. D. A. Sheep with wool over their eyes produce fleeces of lighter weight and less value than open-faced sheep.

Ex-Farm Boy Knocks 'Em Dead

BUY MORE WAR BONDS—HOLD WHAT YOU HAVE!

Maybe you've heard the epic story of "Zeke" Givan. "Zeke" was a farm boy from Dearborn County, Indiana—until he enlisted in the Marines. His first big show was at Kwajalein. The Japs started to rush him, and "Zeke" started to shoot. When the shooting stopped, those present were "Zeke," one red-hot Browning Automatic Rifle, and 35 dead Japs. "Zeke" says modestly, "I did nothing except my duty." Later he was wounded at Saipan. We'll say that like many thousands of other farm boys, in and out of the Service, he is doing his duty extra special well.

Swift & Company, CHICAGO 9, ILLINOIS

Receives Purple Heart

SGT. MARSHALL N. WIMBERLY

PURPLE HEART AWARDED TO SGT. M. WIMBERLY

Sgt. Marshall N. Wimberly's Purple Heart citation, issued by the War Department for an injury received on the "D-Day" invasion of France, was received by his wife, the former Kathryn Woodum of Milano.

Due to censorship, the complete extent of Sgt. Wimberly's leg injury was not revealed, but in a recent letter, he wrote: "I hope to be up within a few months."

Sgt. Wimbely, after four years of military service, was assigned to the 8th Traffic Regulation Group and reached England in early June. It was with that unit he advanced into France.

Mrs. Wimberly and daughter, Patsy Kay, have been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jim Woodum of Milano since Sgt. Wimberly's overseas departure from a Seattle, Washington Army Camp.

Sgt. M. Wimberly is Recovering from D-Day Wounds in England

Fracturing his left ankle when diving through a hedgerow while seeking cover from a German tank in Brittany, Sgt. Marshall N. Wimberly, 30, of Milano is now recovering at a United States Army General hospital in England.

Sgt. Wimbely, who has been awarded the Purple Heart, "will soon return to duty," said his surgeon, First Lt. Jesse N. Borden of Baltimore, Md.

Members of a traffic control group, Sgt. Wimberly was on the road to Paris, some 15 miles from Rennes, when suddenly a German tank appeared from the hedgerow and moved straight towards him.

"Without thinking I dived througn the nearest hedgerow," said Sgt. Wimberly, "without knowing there was a deep ditch on the other side. The tank was liquidated by a shot from a bazooka fired by one of our men a few yards further on.."

After receiving first aid on the spot, Sgt. Wimberly was taken to a field hospital and then was evacuated to England.

He is the son of Victor T. Wimberly and the husband of Mrs. Kathryn L. Wimberly, both of Milano. Before entering the service he was employed by the Bonded Transfer Company of Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim C. Barrett have received word from thier son, Cpl. James Barrett somewhere in France that he is in a hospital and has undergone a serious operation. No details were available.

Mrs. Roy Miller visited in the John Miller home recently.

Mrs. A. J. Gunnels of Liberty is on the sick list.

Gets Silver Star

CAPT. LEROY RALEY

Captain LeRoy Raley, Chaplain, United States Army, now in France has been awarded the Silver Star, second highest Army decoration, it was disclosed by Mrs. Raley, the former Miss Alice Fanning. Captain Raley made the Invasion of Southern France on August 15, 1944.

From the citation awarding the Silver Star the following is published:

Capt. Raley, Headquarters Second Battalion Infantry Regiment, for gallantry in action on 26 of May 1944, near Carano, Italy. When his battalion suffered numerous casualties during an attack on strongly fortified positions, Chaplain Raley personally led litter squads through heavy enemy fire to evacuate the wounded. Artillery and mortar shells continued to fall in the area but Chaplain Raley remained in spite of the enemy fire to give aid to the wounded and last rites to the dying. Chaplain Raley's gallant conduct saved several lives, was inspiration to the men, and reflected much credit on the Army of the United States. Capt. Raley entered Military Service from Oklahoma.

Capt. Raley was awarded the Bronze Star medal in July of this year for combat activity in Sicily and Italy in November 1943 and also wears the Purple Heart for a leg wound sustained in the fighting in Italy in November.

Aubrey Ashley and Wesley Malone transacted business in Lexington Friday.

Mrs. Will Shoaf of Klamath Falls, Oregon, is in the Newton Memorial Hospital for treatment.

Pvt. Leon A. Chollett Killed in Action

Mrs. Louise Otahol Chollett of the Clarkson Community was notified by the War Department on December 15, 1944, that her husband, Pvt. Leon A. Chollett was killed in action in Germany, December 1, 1944. Pvt. Chollett was in the 90th Division.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Cryer of Val Verde shopped in Cameron Saturday.

Mrs. Erwin Vogelsang of the Vogelsang community, was a visitor of Mrs. Tom Denson Wednesday.

Jury Commission to Meet Here Tuesday

The jury commission for District court here will meet Tuesday December 19 to name members of the grand jury for the January 1945 term of court.

The members of the commission are: Frank Cheeves of Cameron; Boswell Newton of Rockdale and William Freeman of Maysfield.

DECEMBER IN HISTORY

December 19, 1941—Congress set draft age at 20-44 years.

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A S YOU ENJOY THE FESTIVITIES of the Yuletide Season, we want you to regard this little message as a personal acknowledgement of your good-will and splendid cooperation. Because of these factors you have made it possible for us to enjoy the Holiday Season more thoroughly.

The management and personnel of this institution join together in extending to all of you and yours sincere best wishes for a Christmas of great happiness and a New Year of good health and good times.

Greetings

from

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New Era Heating requires a

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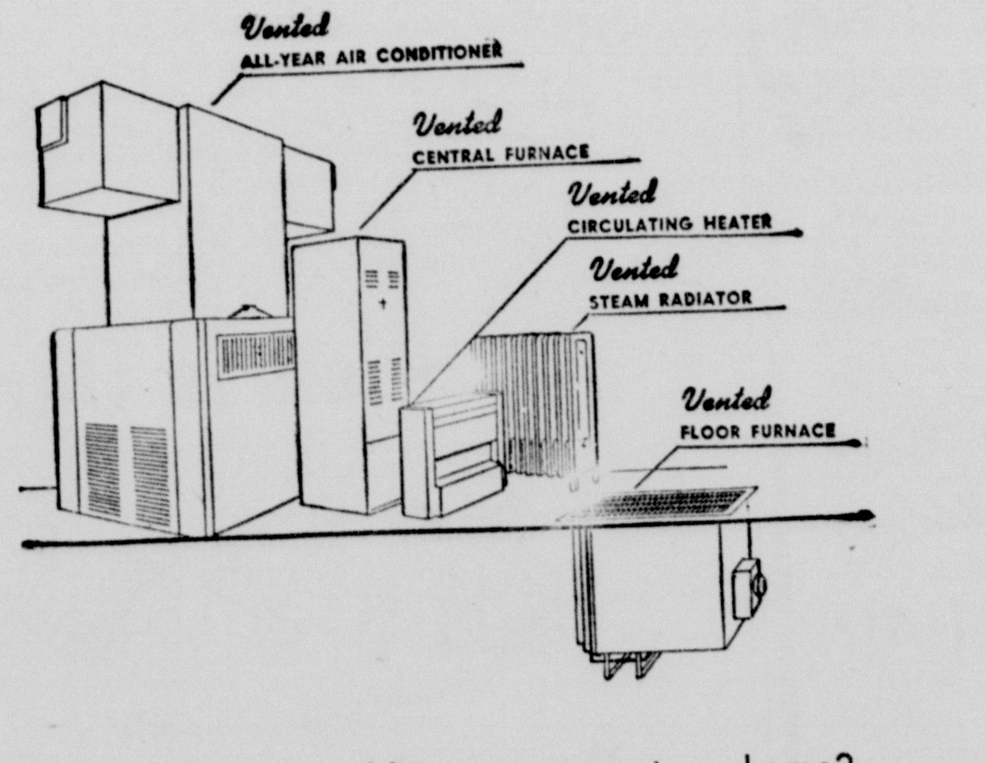


Modernizing or building a new postwar home? Above is a picture of things to come in heating equipment; equipment designed for healthful, pleasant, comfortable living. Each is vented, vented to a flue to avoid wall sweating and eliminate stuffy air. So in your plans be sure to include sufficient flues because, regardless of the type you select, they are necessary for modern gas heating.

KEEP ON BUYING WAR BONDS!

LONE STAR GAS COMPANY

Pfc. Wendell Cryer, Army Air Corps Awarded Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and Now Has 2 Oak Leaf Clusters; Returns to the States

Pfc. Clifton Wendell Cryer, United States Army Air Corps, whose 20 months in combat overseas were spent in the Burma-China theatre of operations, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal and has two Oak Leaf Clusters to the air medal.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cryer, parents of the airman, have just received notice of the decorations accorded their son. Pfc. Cryer has just arrived back in the states for a long period of rest.

Pfc. Cryer was one of the limited number of men who flew the roof of the world, the Himalayas to take precious supplies over the great hump for men fighting the Japs. They were called "Flying Quartermasters."

The decorations were awarded by the commanding General of Supply, United States Armed Forces in China, Burman and India for extraordinary achievement in aerial flight and has participated in over 90 combat and supply flight missions during exposure to enemy and aerial fire was probably and expected, said the citation. The flying weather over the great hump is the worst in the world.

The citation making the awards continues:

"All individuals have with courage and fortitude accomplished their assignments and have brought much credit upon themselves and the military service of the United States.

"More than 125 of these "Flying Quartermasters" have received the awards, 16 of them posthumously after their planes had been shot down or crashed while dropping supplies to American and Chinese Combat troops in the jungles of Northern Burma during tropical and Monsoon weather.

Pfc. Cryer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Cryer of Cameron. They also have another son, Pfc. James Cryer who is in the service. Pfc. Clifton Wendell Cryer is now in the states where he is resting.

GERMANS LAUNCH FIRST COUNTER DRIVE SUNDAY

The German army yesterday unleashed its first major counter-offensive since the Normandy fighting and drove across the borders of of Belgum and Luxembourg at three points under cover of tremendous artillery and air attacks directed against U. S. First army lines.

A front dispatch said the Germans had seized the initiative for the first time since the Allies landed in June.

Hitting along the route of their 1940 conquests, the Germans were aiming one of their main blows at the Belgian city of Malmedy, 23 miles south of Aachen, as they lashed out along a 60 mile front.

German tanks overrun American positions near Honsfeld, two miles inside the Belgian border, and pressed on about a mile to a point 10 miles east of Malmedy. An armored enemy spearhead was driven into the area south of Monschau, 16 miles southeast of Aachen.

Fighter bombers of the U. S. Ninth air force shot down 110 German planes and lost 35 in terrific air battles that raged over the front as enemy pilots came out 450 strong in support of the counteroffensive.

The German attacks appeared to have penetrated American lines to about a minimum depth of about four miles. In addition to the thrust toward Malmedy, the enemy entered Luxembourg near the border towns of Vianden and Echternach.

German artillery fire was particularly opposite to Roer river stronghold of Duren. Enemy groups were infilterating First army lines but many of these were being mopped up quickly.

To the north, the U. S. 29th tactical air forces shot down 20 German planes in an air battle over the U. S. Ninth army front—the greatest sky fight that has occured in this sector since the Ninth's arrival.

City of Cameron is $18,000 Shy of E Bond Quota Saturday

With a quota of $60,000 in E bonds the city of Cameron was short some 18 thousand dollars Saturday, the official closing date of the 6th War Loan.

Dan Tyson, war finance chairman for the county, telephoned the Herald Saturday that a compilation of E bond purchases up to Saturday noon totaled $42,171.

Mr. Tyson said that Monday the work here would be completed and that it appeared the city would reach the quota. Sales have been lagging and workers have not completed all districts on canvas.

A vigorous drive will be made to reach the goal.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Denson had as week end guests, Mrs. W. A. Denson and grand daughter, Mary Margaret Harris of Chilton and Mr. and Mrs. Watt Skinner of Rogers.

Soldier Takes Car, Is Caught; Taken to Hotel Steals Bacon and Eggs

Carl C. Black, sheriff-elect of Milam county, spent a busy night Friday but was being thanked heartily Saturday for the recovery of a stolen car.

Mr. and Mrs. Dan Collins parked at the curb near New Cameron Drug Company and remained in the store about 15 minutes. When they came out their car was missing. Mr. Collins telephoned Mr. Black and the sheriff made a trip to Temple. Later he took the trail east and located the man with the car in Rockdale.

George C. Smith, U. S. Army and a returned overseas veteran had taken the car. Mr. Black, not desiring to place a returning veteran in jail, took Smith to a local hotel. Later in the night another hotel called Mr. Black stating that the kitchen and been robbed. In Smith's room 5 pounds of bacon and some eggs were found.

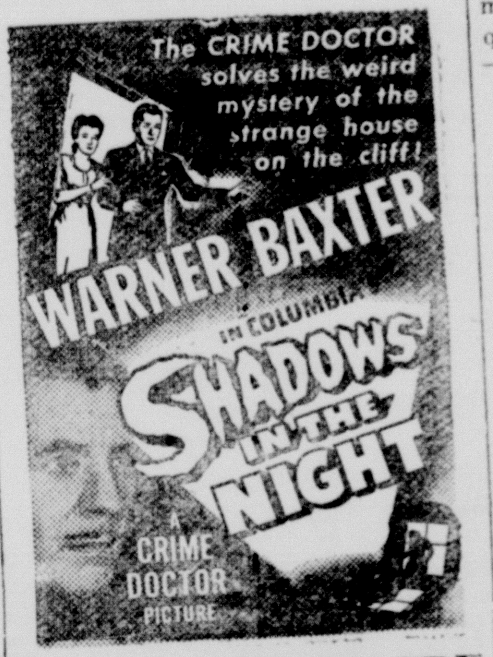
Mr. Black felt then he had no alternative save to place Smith in jail. He is stationed at Camp Swift.

Mr. Collins was grateful to Mr. Black and feels the sheriff had succeeded in a splendid way in the case. A brief case containing valuable papears and ration books, belonging to Mr. Collins was found on a down town street Saturday morning.

Firecracker Tree

Hawaii has a tree called the bombax whose blossoms, when they mature, explode with a pop like that of a firecracker.

CAMERON THEATRE
DECEMBER 21 AND 22



CAMERON THEATRE
TUESDAY, DECEMBER 26

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CAMERON THEATRE
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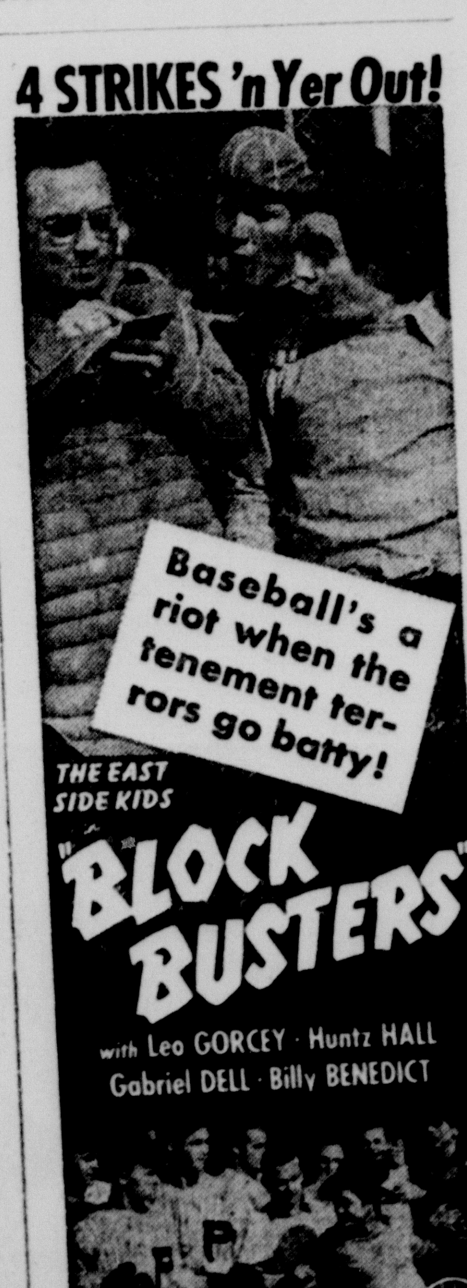

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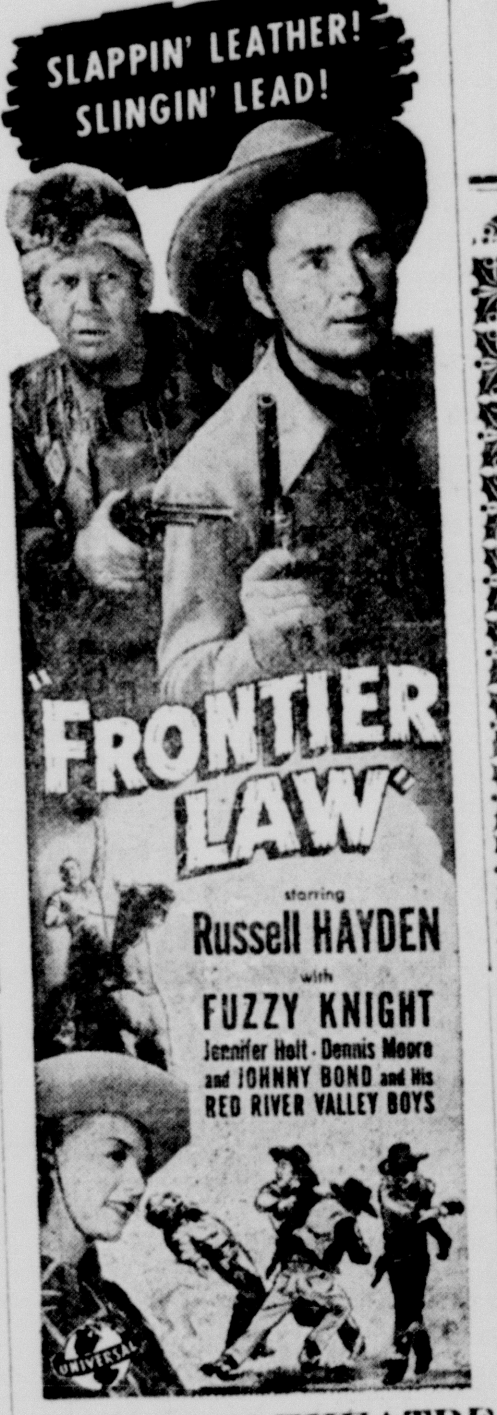

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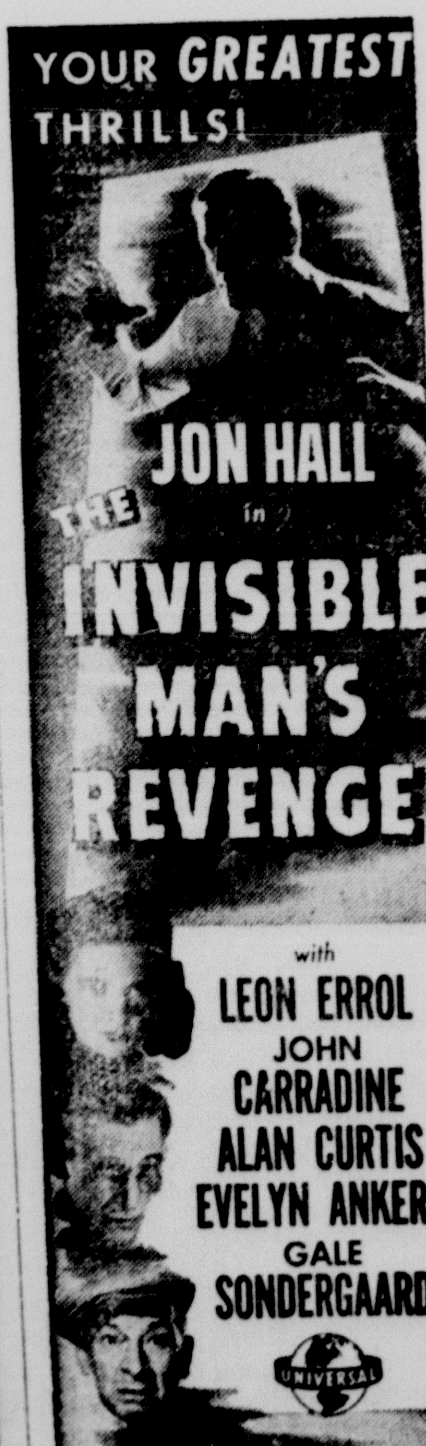
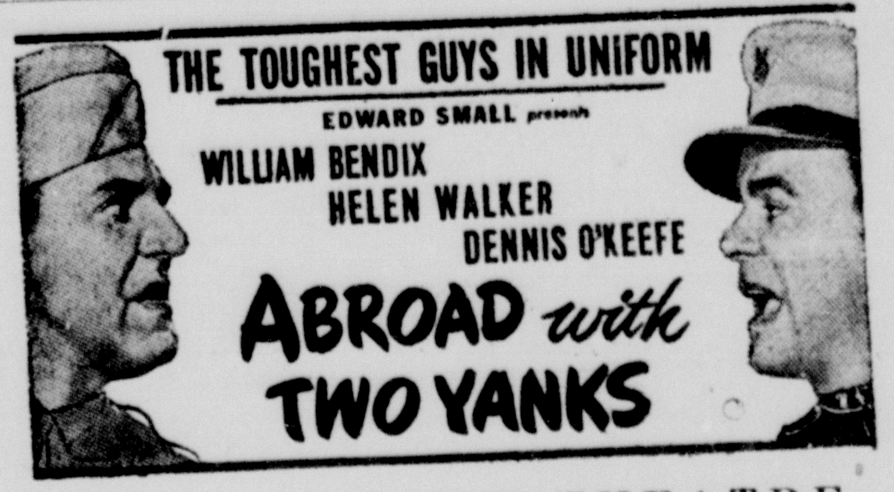


CAMERON THEATRE
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 23



THE CAMERON THEATRE
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY DECEMBER 28 AND 29

BUY BONDS TO WIN THE PEACE

Cameron Theatre

Thursday and Friday, December 21 and 22
"FOLLOW THE BOYS"
George Raft, Dinah Shore and Jeannette McDonald

Saturday, December 23
"INVISIBLE MAN'S REVENGE"
Jon Hall and Evelyn Ankers

Sunday and Monday, December 24 and 25
"DOUGHGIRLS"
Ann Sheridan and Alexis Smith

Tuesday, December 26
"SHADOW IN THE NIGHT"
Warner Baxter and Nina Foch

Wednesday, December 27
"BLOCK BUSTERS"
East Side Kids

Thursday and Friday, December 28 and 29
"ABOARD WITH TWO YANKS"
William Bendix and Dennis O'Keefe

Milam Theatre

Friday and Saturday, December 22 and 23
"FRONTIER LAW"
Russell Hayden

Sunday, December 24
"COWBOY AND THE LADY"
Gary Cooper and Merle Oberon

LETTERS TO

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a sled, some dishes, a pair of gloves, locket, a bracelet and lots of nuts and fruit.

Don't forget all the other little boys and girls.

Your little friend,
Mary Ella Richter

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good little girl four years old. Please bring me a doll, a little car, and a big wagon and fruits and nuts and candy.

Evelyn Vansa.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl nine years old. I have been a good little girl. I want a set of dishes, a doll and a chenille bath robe and lots of candy, nuts and fruit.

With love,
Evelyn Armstrong.

Dear Santa Claus:

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good little boy ten years old and in the third grade.

Please bring me a boy's bicycle with balloon tires, a BB gun, some bb's, football, baseball, some fire crackers and nuts, fruit and candy.

Eugene Vansa.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the fourth grade, am 12 years old and a good little boy. Please bring me a football, a basketball, trickle scooter, fire crackers, fruit, nuts, candy, a BB gun and some bb's.

Alfred Vansa.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I hope you will bring me a football and lots of candy. I wish we would get a Christmas tree, then I could decorate it with stars and lights. Are your deers all right? I hope Christmas will hurry and come.

Your friend,
Bobby Kilgore.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a gun, a ball, bat and a glove. My brother wants some cars and apples.

Your friend,
Roman Marak, Jr.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a fountain pen and some ink. I want a bicycle too. I will have my sock hanging up when you come.

Your friend,
Martha Swanzy.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am ten years old. I would like to have a doll, a fountain pen, and a birthstone ring if you can find one.

Your friend,
Andrea Brady.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am sure you are having a hard time getting the toys ready for all the boys and girls this Christmas. Mother says that materials are scarce and I am sure you are having trouble too.

Please bring me a doll, a tent, some games and some books.

Your friend,
Mary Frances Hensley.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a boy ten years old. I want a bicycle for Christmas.

Your friend,
George D. Bryan.

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Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas will soon be' here. I would like to have a few books, a doll and a game. My brithday was in October and I am still playing with my brithday presents. I hope we will have a pretty Christmas tree for you to see. I know I am going to have a Merry Christmas and I hope you will have one too.

Your friend,
Sara Esslinger.

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Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? I would like to have a pair of skates, a bicycle and a keep-sake doll. would rather have the bicycle.

Don't forget my teachers, friends and relatives. I hope you have a very Merry Christmas.

Your friend,
Charlotte Collins.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle, a doll, a bracelet and a color book. I have a little brother who would like a doll. He always wants sister's doll. Mary Jane would like a pair of boots and a tooth brush. Betsy would like a ball. Mother and daddy want a box of candy and my uncle wants one also. Don't forget the teachers.

With love,
Frances Vogelsang.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl ten years old. I am in the fourth grade. I want a big baby doll, candy, fruit and nuts. Santa remember my little brother, little Maxine, mama,daddy and Mr. Bell don't forget my teachers. That is all I want. Merry Christmas to all!

Your friend,
Nora Joe Mitchell.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a gun, a scabbard, some red sticks of candy, a box of candy and some nuts.

With love,
Jimmy Eicholz.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doctor's set, a book, a little toy army set, and some candy and nuts in my stockings.

Your friend,
Max Johnson.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a Chemistry set. I would like a gun, a scabbard and a rifle.

Your friend,
Franklin Stewart.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the fourth grade at school.
I am a little girl nine years old. I am asking you to bring me a large Holy Bible, a blackboard that hangs on the wall, a big doll and a dresser set. Don't forget my little brother, Billy Don.

A real friend,
Shirley Scarborough.

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Dear Santa Claus:
I have ordered a doll so you will know what doll I want. I want you to bring me some candy and nuts. I am going to leave you some cake. I would like a bicycle, and I want some dishes.

Your friend,
Kay Mondrick.

Unknown Insects

Science has isolated some 625,000 types of insects. P. N. Annand, chief of the bureau of entomology of the United States department of agriculture, estimates that there are still six million unknown kinds.

To All the People

Each year I look forward to this opportunity to say Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Your confidence in me is an inspiration to serve you better and I feel deeply obligated to each of you for your support. Our country is bearing the burdens of war in its third year. I hope with all my heart that before another Christmas comes Peace will reign again. May those near and dear to you be home to enjoy Christmas in 1945.

Bill Alex Bonds

ASSESSOR-COLLECTOR OF TAXES, MILAM CO.

Sincere Greetings

As the old year becomes history and we look with hope to the future and to 1945 the blessings of the year are your Good Will, your Confidence and Co-operation. I am sincerely grateful to the people and want each one to know of my appreciation and may each one be Happy Christmas and in the New Year Health Happiness and Prosperity. May Peace soon come and those near to you be restored to the home is my wish for all who have given their sons to war.

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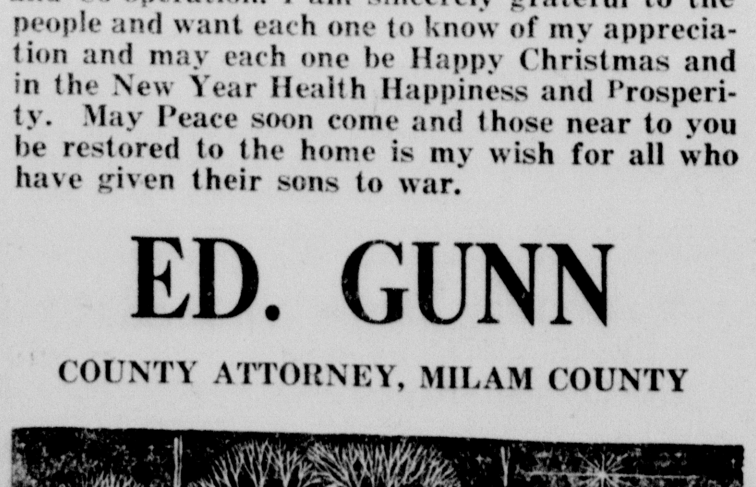
COUNTY ATTORNEY, MILAM COUNTY



THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Milam County Greeting:

S. H. Dobbs and N. D. Fuller, administrators, of the Estate of R. Fuller and C. S. Fuller, deceased, having filed in our County Court their Final Account of the condition of the Estate of said R. Fuller and C. S. Fuller, deceased, numbered 3464 on the Probate Docket of Milam County, together with an application to be discharged from said administration.

You are Hereby Commanded, That by publication of this Writ for ten days in a Newspaper printed in the County of Milam you give due notice to all persons interested in the Account for Final Settlement of said Estate, to appear and contest the same if they see proper so to do, on Monday, the 18th day of December 1944 at the Court House of said County, in Cameron, Texas, when said Account and Application will be acted upon by said Court.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at my office in the City of Cameron, Texas, this 6th day of December A. D. 1944.

(Seal) HOMER NABOURS,
Clerk County Court Milam County.
A True Copy, I Certify. 34-2tc
By Bessie Dunham, Deputy Clerk.

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ON CEREAL—In place of other sweetening.

FOR DESSERT—As a sauce for ice cream or in luscious gingerbread or cookies. *All of Brer Rabbit's iron is retained in cooking.*

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Over the mountains and across the plains of France, Italy, Africa, India and the Philippines . . . through the jungles of Burma and New Guinea . . . men, mules and machines are pushing forward the supplies, the food, the medicine and munitions of war. They also fight who bear the burdens for the fighting men.

During this Christmas season we pay special tribute to the *burden bearers* in this war, as well as to the fighting men. Together they form the winning combination. Together they are defeating the Axis powers and cleansing the world of despotism . . . making the world safe for freedom-loving people everywhere.

This Christmas finds employees of this Company fighting in every battle area . . . on land, on sea and in the air. And equally vital to Victory, TP&L employees here on the home front are loyally fighting the battle of production . . . keeping electric power continuously available for military installations and war industries as well as for civilian needs . . . giving full support to every phase of the war program.

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LETTERS TO

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a girl in the fourth grade and I am nine years old. I want a nurse kit and a book to read. Please bring me some chewing gum.
Don't forget my friends and teachers.
Your friend,
Shirley Ann Smith.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a pop gun, a target and I want some nuts.
Your friend,
Eddie Stone.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a new pair of peddles for my bicycle, some bb's and a handle for my gun. I hope you have a Merry Christmas.
Your fried,
Frank L. Somer.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll purse, cap and a bicycle. I want some apples, oranges, nuts and some candy. Be sure and bring mother, daddy, my big sister and my baby sister what they want. Be nice to the rich and the poor.
Your friend,
Nancy J. Ingram.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am in the fourth grade, and I am nine years old. I would like to have a nurse kit and a telescope. Please bring me some fruit.
Your friend,
Shirley Ann Shafer.
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Dear Santa Claus:
How are you? I am fine. I am a boy nine years old. I would like a cowboy suit, a jar of Christmas candy, a set of comic books, an invasion set, and a marine set.
Your dear friend,
Clyde Horace Foote.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please send me a football, a bat and a pair of boots. I think that will be all I want.
Your friend,
Billy Joe Halpain.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a good little girl seven years old and in the first grade.
Please bring me a trickle, a big car, a hankderchief, a pair of socks and fruit and nuts and candy.
Dorothy Vansa.

Dear Santa Claus:
You don't need to leave anything unless you want to. But you can have a helper if you wish, because I want to be a helper. Leave a note on the extra piece of paper and let me know whether you need a helper. I want to be one so much and so bad. I have been good.
Your friend,
Tommie Olson.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas soon will be here. I am writing this letter to ask you for something for Christmas. I hope you have time to come down my chimney. I hope you have a nice Christmas. I want some candy in my stocking too. There will be some ginger bread waiting for you.
Your old friend,
Dierdra Denson.
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Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a fountain pen and puzzle set. Remember my brothers and sister too. Thank you.
Your friend,
Robert Matyastik.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy in the fourth grade and I am ten years old. I go to school every day and like it. I would like for you to send me a Bible, an air gun and a pack of marbles. Something else I want is candy, nuts, oranges and apples. My stocking will be hanging up.
Your little friend,
Bill Pounds.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I would like to have a bow and arrow, a gun set, and darts and I would also like some nuts and fruit. My sister would like to have a bicycle and a piano. My brother would like a baseball, a gun set and some fruit.
Your friend,
Jack Dymke.
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Dear Santa Claus:
I want a ball, bat and a glove for Christmas. I would also like to have some nuts and a bicycle.
If you have them please send them to me, if there are enough for everyone.
Your friend,
Billy Ray Holloway.

A Happy New Year to All.

THE CAMERON THEATRE
THURSDAY AND FRIDAY, DECEMBER 21 AND 22

Lights of New York
by L. L. STEVENSON

Ramblings and Ruminations: Central park trees looking rather tired and discouraged—they did have a hard, hot summer and unlike so many other New Yorkers, they had to stay right where they were . . . A bus hurrying through the 65th street transverse, its cargo, homeward bound school children who are doing a lot of shouting and squealing . . . A black clad, pale, but very pretty young woman, sitting on a secluded bench, reading a letter with tears streaming down her face—possibly a manifestation of another war tragedy . . . A hansom cab driver telling his passengers, a middle-aged couple, about the old times in Central park when the first snow brought a cutter race with a magnum of champagne going to the winner . . . A gray squirrel, sitting on its haunches, observing a boy and girl who are so interested in one another they are unaware of the rest of the world.

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A two-chin dowager barging into a swank shop with all the pomp and circumstance of an ocean liner entering its slip . . . and a deferential doorman seeing that my lady gets inside with a modicum of discomfort . . . A gentleman with a stiff hat and old fashioned handlebar mustache, calmly consuming a banana as he walks along the avenue . . . One sunburned serviceman, at Fifth avenue and 46th street, remarking to another sunburned serviceman, "There ain't nothin' to do in New York. Now if we were just down in Dallas!" and the other replying, "You said it, buddie" . . . A gray-head, whose hands look as if she might be a scrub woman, inspecting a window display of mink coats that are "bargains" at a mere $3,000 each—with the notation, "plus 20 per cent government tax" . . . A derelict pouncing on a discarded half-smoked cigar and going on his way puffing jauntily.

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Noisy flocks of blackbirds seeking resting places in the ornamental front of Grand Central Terminal . . . Maybe they figure that if they arrive early, they'll get the choicest lodgings . . . Baggage-laden travelers emerging from taxicabs and hurrying into the station as if every second meant much . . . But if they haven't got their tickets already, they'll spend a lot of time waiting in line . . . A diminutive red cap with a big suitcase under each arm and another, equally large, in each hand, speeding along as if he were carrying no weight at all . . . Cameramen waiting the signal that will cause them to dash down to the tracks to meet some motion picture queen arriving from the West coast . . . and in the background a flock of press agents ready to spring into action.

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At a Times square subway station entrance, a graying woman pleading for a "nickel carfare to get to Brooklyn" . . . and, though she receives a dozen or so donations, remaining right in the same place . . . A very tall serviceman, accompanied by a pint-sized blonde, inquiring as to how long it will take to get to Coney Island . . . and on being told, "one hour," shaking his head and turning away . . . Evidently his leave is running out fast . . . Two very blonde chorines passing one another with elevated noses—possibly some backstage feud . . . A very correct British major informing a policeman that he requires assistance because he is absolutely unable to find the hotel at which he registered during the morning . . . and the officer replying that if he turns his head slightly to the left, he'll see the sign.

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The tower of the Empire State building disappearing into the mists . . . Little side street restaurants emitting breaths of stale grease . . . A messenger boy with four telegrams stuck under his cap and a hot dog in each hand . . . Women shoppers, most of them carrying parcels, milling about in Herald square . . . Jersey residents hurrying into the Hudson tubes on their way home before the rush hour . . . A flock of sparrows battling over a dirty bread crust . . . A woman, whose excess flesh causes a middle bulge, colliding with a fat man because her attention is entirely taken by a window display of millinery . . . and the fat man apologizing despite the fact that the blame isn't his and in addition, he lost his cigar.

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Lieut. Jack Raymond after 2½ years in the army, got his medical discharge at 12 the other night and one minute after midnight, went right back to work for his old boss, Praise Agent Ivan Black . . . Three V-Mail letters from France reached Josh Levin, manager of Cafe Society Downtown, asking for reservations for New Year's Eve 1945.

Bell Syndicate.—WNU Features.

U. S. Soldier Reverses Lend-Lease Scheme

PRATT, KAN. — Lend-lease did a right-about-face recently when Sgt. Benny Maynard, reading in an American paper overseas that pingpong balls were scarce here, shipped a supply to the local chamber of commerce. Maynard is stationed in England where there is no shortage of the recreation equipment.

S. P. Will Help
TO BRING HIM HOME

It used to be one of Southern Pacific's happiest tasks to take the folks back to their old homes for the happy Holiday Season. We only wish this year that we might be doing the same thing again, but stress of demand for the carrying of armed forces, their equipment and materiel will preclude much of this usual civilian travel.

"SP" hopes that before long, when the war comes to a victorious climax to be able to take back to their homes, many thousands now so patriotically serving their country. The men and women in all departments of the "SP" at this time extend to you a sincere wish for a Merry Christmas and a speedy return of your loved ones.

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Greetings to the People

I will always remember 1944, because during this year it was my good fortune to share in your trust and confidence and to be elected your Sheriff and when I take oath of office in January it will be my prime purpose to repay you with good and efficient service.

At this Happy Season of the year—Christmas, I want each one to know of my gratitude and this is to convey to you my best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. May 1945 bring Peace and restore our sons to their homes, is my wish.

CARL C. BLACK
SHERIFF ELECT, MILAM COUNTY

Sincere Greetings

I have reason to be most grateful and thankful to you the people of Commissioner Precinct 2, for your confidence in me. Time has devised no more expressive words than Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year but the years deepen their meaning as we think of friends loyal and true.

My sincere hope at this time is that in the New Year we may have Peace on Earth as it was in olden times. We look forward to the return of our own and fervently hope yours too may be restored safely to you when they have won Victory in the New Year and the war ends.

Grady Stidham
COMMISSIONER PRECINCT 2, MILAM COUNTY

TO THE PEOPLE:
Sincere Greetings

Grateful for your Good Will and Confidence I wish at this Happy Season of the Year to extend my best wishes for you and yours. May you have a Happy Christmas and in the New Year the blessings which I know you so well deserve.

In the Old Year now passing the bitter cup of sacrifice was pressed to the lips of many of our friends. War's shadow has fallen across the homes of our land. My sincere wish is that in 1945 we may see the end of the struggle and the boys for whom we have such admiration and appreciation, come home to take up the pursuits of Peace again.

Chas. M. Hicks
COUNTY SUPRINTENDENT OF PUBLIC INSTRUCTION

KILLEEN KANGAROOS WIN REGIONAL TITLE

Gatesville, Dec. 14.—The unbeaten Killeen Kangaroos were hot as a fire cracker tonight and soundly trounced the Gatesville Hornets here tonight for the regional championship, 26 to 0.

The Killeen backfield ran wild and the Killeen line did everything right, including the passing of the Hornet ace, Painter, who most of the time was bottled up by the charging Kangaroo forwards and the rest of the time found his receivers well covered.

The statistics were all in favor of the Bell county boys. The first downs were 18 to 6 and the penetrations 4 to none.

In the first period the game was nick and tuck, although the Kangaroos began to show the power that was to wear the Hornets down in the last half.

The first score came in the second period when Tolliver set the stage with a pass interception. The Kangaroos advanced the ball to the 17 on four plays and then Baker hit Tolliver with a perfect pass in the end zone for the touchdown. Tolliver split the middle for the extra point.

Before the half ended, the Hornets managed to drive to the Killeen 25, but that was about the biggest Gatesville threat of the night.

In the third period, Killeen seemed to be primed for the kill and the Hornets resigned to their fate. After the kickoff, Killeen took the ball and on the first play Baker carried to the Gatesville 40. Wayne Arnold, in three tries, fought down to the five. In two plunges, Locklear made the score but Tolliver's conversion attempt was wide.

Early in the fourth, Baker took the ball on his own 46 and raced to the Hornet 36. Locklear shot off for 7. Again, it took Locklear two tackle to the 10, Baker hit tackle two plunges to go over but the ball was called back and Killeen penalized for back field in motion. Baker tried one pass and ran two plays, making touchdown No. 3 on the second. Again the conversion was missed.

Later in the period, Baker started another drive, this time from his own 41, running hard and low to the Gatesville 25, dragging several Hornets with him on the last five yards of the play. Locklear also dragged several tired Gatesville tacklers as he carried to the two after a three yard pickup had been chalked up by Baker. Locklear went over the middle for the final touchdown and Tolliver's kick was perfect.

Gatesville made a desperate attempt to get going on passes in the fourth quarter but most of them were wild or were messed up by the charging and victorious Kangaroos.

Starring for Coach Leo Buckley's regional champions were the four backs, Arnold, Tolliver, Baker and Locklear, who almost equally shared the offensive chores, and the entire Kangaroo line paced by Stansell at guard and Sargert at tackle.

Gartman, Grandy, Painter and Tatum in the Gatesville backfield and Morgan, center and line-backer in the line, were Gatesville's standouts.

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2nd Lt. Allen DuBois Awarded Air Medal

Second Lieutenant Allen C. DuBois, 21, of Cameron, Eighth Air Force fighter pilot has been awarded the Air Medal. The medal presentation was made here at special ceremony by group commander, Lt. Col. Wm. B. Bailey of Rochester, N. Y.

Pilot of a P-51 Mustang fighter, Lt. DuBois was decorted "for meritorious achievement while serving as a fighter pilot during an extended period of aerial combat over Germany and German occupied Continental Europe.

"The courageous devotion to duty and outstanding flying ability displayed by this officer reflect great credit upon himself and the Armed Forces of the United States."

Lt. DuBois, a member of the 353rd Fighter Group, has flown more than 25 combat missions over Europe. He has been serving in the European theatre since June, 1944.

His group is credited with the destruction of more than 400 German aircraft.

Lt. DuBois is the son of Wilburn DuBois, of Box 245, Cameron.

His wife, Mrs. Faye M. DuDois, also lives at Cameron.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends for the many expressions of sympathy and beautiful offerings received during our bereavement in the loss of our son and brother. May God bless you is our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. M. M. Hickman and Family.

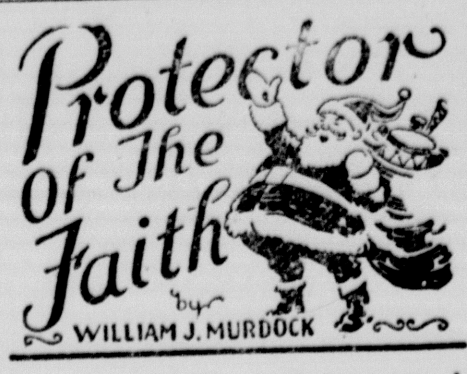
DECEMBER IN HISTORY

December 18, 1787—New Jersey admitted to Union.

December 18, 1865—13th amendment, abolishing slavery, adopted.

Mrs. Hugh Wimberley of Milano visited in Cameron Saturday.

F. G. Blake has returned home from the Newton Memorial Hospital.



Protector of The Faith

by WILLIAM J. MURDOCK

" . . . and so we'll have to do everything possible to keep little Randolph from learning the truth," Mrs. Hobson announced with prim vehemence to her husband. "After all, what's Christmas without Santa Claus?"

"Golly Neds!" Charles exclaimed, borrowing Butch's favorite expression. "I didn't think any kids believed in the old boy nowadays. And Butch, of all kids! He's so manly—"

"Randolph isn't just any kid, he's my nephew," Helen Hobson replied tartly. Her only sister was now indulging in a prolonged hospital rest. "Randolph is our responsibility for the time being and we simply must give him the finest Christmas possible. Manly or not, he's still a little boy and, Charles," she finished grandly, "we must protect his faith in Santa Claus!"

The next afternoon Helen proudly took her place among the fond parents who watched their children cau-

"Did you tell Santa what you wanted?"

tiously approach the bearded, red-robed figure seated on a white throne in Kerbinger's toy department. She nearly cried when Butch, a wide grin on his round face, marched straight up to Santa Claus and engaged him in earnest conversation. "Did you tell Santa what you wanted?" she asked in a tremulous voice when Butch rejoined her.

The boy smiled up at her, and Mrs. Hobson's heart nearly melted from the warmth in his black eyes. "Sure I did, Aunt Helen," and he recounted the long list.

"These children around here are so sophisticated," she told Charles that evening. "I'm afraid one of them will talk about Christmas and Santa Claus and ruin everything."

Charles rubbed his head. "Children will chatter, Helen," he reminded her. "You can't change Butch into a clam overnight."

"If Randolph doesn't discuss Santa Claus with his friends, he won't learn the truth," Helen explained with jubilant impatience.

"It might work, at that," Charles admitted doubtfully.

It was with misgiving, therefore, that Charles, on a Saturday afternoon when Helen was downtown, heard Butch and a playmate venture a few words on the approaching Yuletide. Charles was reclining on the couch near the bay window and could plainly hear the words through the glass. "Did you see that machine gun in Kerbinger's toyland?" Butch's companion asked.

"You mean the one over near Santa Claus?" Butch parried. "Sure, I saw it. It was swell!"

Santa Claus! Charles held his breath as he heard Butch's playmate laugh. "That Santa Claus," the boy giggled. "What a clown! How can they expect a guy to believe in Santa Claus? As if there could be any such thing!"

Charles scrambled for the front door. Poor Butch—the poor kid—and just a few days before Christmas, too. Charles jerked the door open and bounded to the porch. "Butch!"

"Yes, Uncle Charles," came the slow reply, and Butch peered around the corner of the house. His dark eyes were solemn. Gone was his familiar smile.

"Aw, Butch," Charles mumbled, stumbling down the porch steps to meet the boy. "Butch, I wish this hadn't happened. I don't know what to say—" his voice threatened to break, and he stopped.

Butch looked at the ground for a moment, then raised his eyes. "I'm sorry too, Uncle George," he said. "I forgot I was so close to the house. I didn't want you and Aunt Helen to know."

Charles' brain thumped as if he had received a blow between the eyes from the hoof of one of jolly old St. Nick's reindeer. "Wh—what's that, Butch?"

"Why, I didn't want you and Aunt Helen to know about me and Santa Claus," Butch went on in serious vein. "I was sure you could take it, Unk, but Aunt Helen—aw, shucks, I've been having a great time with her, Uncle George. She gets a big kick out of me acting as if I believe in Santa Claus, so don't tell her the truth. Golly Neds, I don't want to spoil her Christmas!"

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